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DMITRY MARKOV
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Dmitry Markov Coins & Medals, New York

Dmitry Markov's interest in coin collecting goes back to 1972. In 1985 he graduated from the History Department of the Kiev State University (Ukraine) and received his M.A. for the thesis - *"Monetary Circulation in Ancient Russia (8th to 13th cent. A.D.)"*. His broad interests in numismatics include Russia, Ancient Coinage especially those of the Northern Black Sea area, as well as Islamic Central Asia and Caucasus. He has published a number of research articles in these fields.

After coming to the U.S. in 1990, Dmitry Markov founded "Dmitry Markov Coins & Medals," a well-known leading firm dealing. Dmitry Markov's continuing research on Russian, Ancient and Islamic coinage makes an invaluable addition to his very extensive auction catalogs. He issued over 40 illustrated reference catalogues, as well as many other fixed price lists.

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1 Campania, Neapolis (c.300-275 BC), Silver Nomos, 7.4g. Chari…, magistrate. Head of nymph facing right, wearing triple-pendant earring; kantharos behind, ΧΑΡΙ below. Rev. [N]ΕΑΠΟΛΙΤΩΝ in exergue, man-headed bull walking right, head turned to face viewer, Nike flying right above, crowning bull with wreath, K below (Sambon 467b; SNG ANS 356 (this reverse die); HN Italy 569). Lovely delicate style, well centred and lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 3,000

2 Calabria, Tarentum (c.400-390 BC), Silver Nomos, 7.9g. Ephebe, holding shield, riding sidesaddle on horse galloping left. Rev. ΤΑΡΑΣ, Phalanthos, holding torch, riding dolphin left; Σ below (Fischer-Bossert grp. 25, 330 (V150/R257); Vlasto 306-7 (this obverse die); HN Italy 849). Splendid style and nicely toned, choice very fine. $ 3,000

ex Leu auction 79, lot 218

3 Calabria, Tarentum (c.272-240 BC), Silver Nomos, 6.63g, 3h. Naked horseman prancing right, holding a spear, a shield, and two further spears, ΔΙ above, ΑΡΙ-ΣΤΟ / ΚΛ-Η[Σ] below. Rev. ΤΑΡΑΣ, Taras seated left on a dolphin, holding a kantharos and a trident, head of a nymph facing left above on right (Vlasto 877; SNG ANS 1202; HN Italy 1033). Beautiful iridescent cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 750

4 Calabria, Tarentum (c.240-228 BC), Silver Nomos, 6.6g. Olympis, magistrate. Warrior on horseback right, hurling javelin, wreath behind, ΟΛΥΜΠΙΣ below. Rev. Τ–ΑΡΑΣ, Phalanthos riding dolphin left, holding kantharos and cornucopiae, tripod in upper right field (Vlasto 942; HN Italy 1055). Delicate iridescent tones, extremely fine. $ 2,000

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5 Calabria, Tarentum (c.240-228 BC), Silver Nomos, 6.3g. Kallikrates, magistrate. Warrior riding right, head facing, extending arm upon which Nike flying right, crowning him with wreath, monogram in in two lines in left field, ΚΑΛΛΙΚΡΑ/ΤΗΣ below. Rev. ΤΑΡΑ[Σ], Phalanthos riding dolphin left, holding Nike, who crowns him with wreath, and trident, NE monogram behind (Vlasto 963-70; HN Italy 1059). Lustrous, almost mint state. $ 1,000

6 Lucania, Herakleia (c.276-250 BC), Silver Didrachm, 6.37g, 1h. ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΩΝ, head of Athena facing left, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet. Rev. ΦΙΛΟ, Herakles, naked, standing facing, resting on a club and holding a lion skin, Nike flying above to crown him (SNG ANS 95; Van Keuren 132; HN Italy 1429). A little short of flan, light iridescent tone, good very fine. $ 500

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7 Lucania, Metapontum (c.340-330 BC), Silver Stater, 7.96g, 11h. Bearded head of Leukippos facing right, wearing a Corinthian helmet, a lion's head behind. Rev. ΜΕΤΑ, ear of corn, a leaf on left upon which sits a vertical club, [A]MI below leaf (Johnston, Class B, 2.24; HN Italy 1575). Attractively toned, good very fine. $ 600

8 Lucania, Metapontum (c.330-290 BC), Silver Nomos, 7.9g. Wreathed head of Demeter facing left. Rev. ΜΕΤΑ, grain ear with leaf to left, leaf and pitchfork or rake above, leaf and ΔΑ below (Johnston class C, 5.5-5.7 (this obverse die); SNG Lloyd 591 (this obverse die); HN Italy 1582). Very artistic style and lovely old cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 3,000

9 Lucania, Sybaris (c.550-510 BC), Silver Incuse Stater, 5.83g, 12h. Bull standing left, its head turned back to face to right, YM above. Rev. the same type, incuse, without legend (SNG ANS 825; BMC 5; HN Italy 1729). Lightly porous surfaces, toned, very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,800

10 Lucania, Thurium (c.350-300 BC), Silver Didrachm, 7.62g, 8h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet ornamented with figure of Skylla. Rev. Bull butting right, Nike flying above, ΘΟΥΡΙΩ[N] in exergue (HN Italy 1845). Extremely fine. $ 850

Beautiful Double Nomos of Thourioi

11 Lucania, Thurium (c.350-300 BC), Silver Double Nomos, 15.2g. Head of Athena facing right, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with Skylla, B behind neck guard. Rev. ΘΥΡΙΩΝ, bull butting right, HPA above, two fish (off flan) in exergue (Noe N6; HN Italy 1858). A lovely example of exceptionally fine style, struck on a very broad flan, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 15,000

12 Lucania, Thurium (c.350-300 BC), Silver Double Nomos, 15.7g. Head of Athena facing right, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with Skylla hurling a stone. Rev. [Θ]ΥΡΙΩΝ (P retrograde), bull butting right, P (retrograde) -H below, torch in exergue (cf Noe N16; SNG ANS -; cf HN Italy 1861). Extremely fine, light grey tone. $ 2,500

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13 Bruttium, Medma (c.330-320 BC), Silver Stater, 8.5g. Pegasos flying left; no mint control. Rev. Head of Athena facing left, wearing Corinthian helmet; no symbol or letters (Gorini grp. 1, unlisted dies; Pegasi 2; cf HN Italy 2424-5 (control marks); SNG Lloyd 659). Extremely Fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,500

Calciati includes eleven coins in his corpus for which he could not identify the mint. Most, as is this coin, are uninscribed, but some have symbols though he was unable to tie them to any particular mint. This coin has neither a mint control below Pegasos on the obverse or any letters or symbols on the reverse. The style of Athena seems late, thus our dating to the final period of Pegasi in Greece.

14 Bruttium, Rhegion (c.460-440 BC), Silver Litrai, 0.76g, 1h. Lion's mask facing. Rev. RECI within wreath (SNG ANS 651; Herzfelder 89, B). Broad flan and attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 250

ex Münzen und Medaillen AG, Basle sale 68 (1986), lot 81

A Beautiful Rhegion Tetradrachm

15 Bruttium, Rhegion (c.415/410-387 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.33g, 12h. Lion's head facing. Rev. ΡΗΓΙΝΟΝ, head of Apollo facing left, laureate, an olive-sprig behind (Herzfelder 103 (D.61/R.88); SNG Lockett 659 (these dies); SNG Lloyd 697 (these dies); Jameson 459 (these dies); Boston 206). Of beautiful Classical style, toned, good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 40,000

ex Bank Leu AG, Auction 2, Zürich, 25 April 1972, lot 62

16 Bruttium, The Bretti (c.216-214 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.4g. Second Punic War issue. Veiled head of Hera Lakinia facing right, wearing polos, sceptre over shoulder, bucranium in left field. Rev. ΒΡΕΤΤΙΩΝ, Zeus leaning on knee left, foot resting on ionic capital, holding sceptre, crab in left field, Γ between foot and sceptre (Arslan dies 7/9; Scheu 68; HN Italy 1969). Delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 1,000

17 Sicily, Akragas (c.490-480 BC), Silver Didrachm, 8.61g, 12h. AKRA, eagle standing left. Rev. crab, a Corinthian helmet to left below, all within an incuse circle (Jenkins, Gela, Group III, pl. 37, 13; SNG ANS 946-7; SNG Lloyd 798). Edge slightly ragged, otherwise well-struck and about extremely fine. $ 1,000

ex Noble Numismatics Pty Ltd., Sale 92, 24-27 November 2009, lot 5009

18 Sicily, Akragas (c.490-480 BC), Silver Didrachm, 8.64g, 9h. AK / RA, eagle standing left. Rev. crab (SNG ANS 952 (this obverse die); Jenkins, Gela, Group IV). Very fine. $ 850

19 Sicily, Akragas (c.480/78-470 BC), Silver Didrachm, 8.6g. AK-RA, eagle standing right. Rev. CA-Σ, crab, male head facing right below (Jenkins pl. 37, 18 (same dies); SNG ANS 959 (same dies)). Extremely fine, not toned. $ 2,000

20 Sicily, Himera (c.480-470 BC), Silver Didrachm, 7.7g. HIMER[A], cock standing left. Rev. Crab (Westermark 90 (O13/R48) = Dewing 614; SNG ANS 161-2). Toned, extremely fine. $ 2,000

21 Sicily, Leontinoi (c.445-440 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.00g, 10h. Head of Apollo facing left, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. LE-ON-TI-NO-N, lion's head, with jaws open and tongue protruding, facing left, four barley-corns around (SNG Lockett 800 (this obverse die); SNG ANS 234-6 (this obverse die)). Attractive iridescent cabinet tone, very fine. $ 1,750

22 Sicily, Leontinoi (c.430-425 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.28g, 3h. Head of Apollo facing left, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. LEONTINON, lion's head, with jaws open and tongue protruding, facing to left, a bay-leaf behind, three barley-corns around (Rizzo pl. XXIV, 4 (these dies); SNG ANS 257 (these dies); Boehringer, 'Zur Münzgeschichte von Leontinoi in Klassischen Zeit', in Studies to Price, 55 (these dies)). Residual lustre beneath a light tone, extremely fine and attractive. $ 3,500

23 Sicily, Messana (c.420-413 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.5g. MESSANA, the nymph Messana, holding kentron and reins, driving slow biga of mules right, two dolphins confronted in exergue. Rev. ΜΕΣ–ΣΑ–ΝΙ–Ο–Ν, hare springing right, dolphin below right (Caltabiano 519/524 (D207/R221; die combination not recorded); SNG ANS 362-4; SNG Lockett 826 (same obverse die)). Toned, extremely fine. $ 4,000

24 Sicily, Morgantina (c.339/8-317 BC), Æ Hemidrachm, 17.6g. ΜΟΡΓΑΝΤΙΝΩΝ, head of Athena facing right, wearing triple-crested Attic helmet, owl standing right behind, head facing. Rev. Lion standing right, devouring head of stag, Γ above, coiled serpent below (Castrizio series I, 2; CNS 2; SNG ANS -). Well struck on a full flan with complete legend, nice original glossy dark green patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 2,000

25 Sicily, Motya (c.412-410 BC), Silver Didrachm, 8.3g. Hound standing right, plant below. Rev. [ΜΟΤΥ]ΑΙΩΝ, female facing head right, branch with four leaves behind (cf Jenkins 20/18 (O11/R10; die combination not recorded); cf Hurter, Die Drachmaprägung von Segesta, pl. 22, D / pl. 21, H1 (obverse/reverse, this obverse die)). Some areas of porosity on both sides, still desirable, very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

During a short period near the end of the 5th Century, c.412-408 BC, the cities of Motya and Panormos struck Didrachms of Segestan type. Motya, which had hitherto issued Didrachms with a horseman design, now adopted the Segestan hound for its obverse. Furthermore, in at least three instances an actual Segestan obverse die was used to strike the coins for Motya, and two of the three were also used to strike coins for Panormos. The coins in question clearly show the progression of use: Segesta - Motya - Panormos. This leads to the important question of where these coins were minted. It was previously thought that the dies were physically transported from one city to the next, but it seems more likely that there was a central mint involved in striking for all three cities. Hurter saw the hand of a single engraver at work, which supports the theory of a central mint, and Jenkins proposed that the coins were struck at Panormos, based on the grounds that it was newly opened. However, at this time the location of the mint remains uncertain.

26 Sicily, Selinos (c.540-515 BC), Silver Didrachm, 8.8g. Selinon leaf. Rev. Divided incuse square (Arnold-Biucci grp. I, 3; Selinus Hoard 32-3 and 35). Medium grey toning, extremely fine. $ 1,000

27 Sicily, Selinos (c.530-490 BC), Silver Didrachm, 8.64g. Selinon leaf. Rev. Divided incuse square (SNG ANS 666). Extremely fine and attractive, area of porosity on reverse. $ 1,450

28 Sicily, Syracuse (Deinomenid Tyranny, 485-466 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.1g. Under Hieron I, c.470-466 BC. Charioteer driving quadriga right, holding kentron and reins, Nike flying right above, crowning horses, ketos right in exergue. Rev. ΣVR-A-KO-ΣION (N retrograde), diademed head of Arethusa facing right; four dolphins around clockwise (Boehringer grp. IV, series XIiia, 411 (V212/R289); Randazzo -; SNG ANS -; de Hirsch 561 (same dies)). Struck on a broad flan and beautifully defined, nicely toned, extremely fine. $ 4,000

29 Sicily, Syracuse (Second Democracy, 466-405 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.22g, 8h. Struck 460-450 BC. Charioteer, wearing a long chiton and holding a kentron and the reins, driving a quadriga to right, Nike flies above to right to crown the horses, ketos to right in exergue. Rev. ΣYRAKOΣION, head of Arethusa facing right, wearing a diadem, her hair rolled in a bun at the back, four dolphins swimming clockwise around (Boehringer 509 (V268/R362); SNG ANS 162 (these dies)). Broad flan, attractively toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 2,500

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 76, 27-29 July 2004, lot 3150

30 Sicily, Syracuse (Second Democracy, 466-405 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.38g, 12h. Struck c.450 BC. Charioteer driving a quadriga right, Nike flies above to right to crown the horses, ketos to right in exergue. Rev. ΣVPAKOΣI-ON, head of Arethusa facing right, diademed, four dolphins swimming around (Boehringer 559 (V283/R385); SNG ANS 181 (these dies); Pozzi 579 (these dies)). Slightly short of flan, good very fine. $ 1,700

ex Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 1031
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 96, 5-8 April 2011, lot 1965

Syracuse Dekadrachm, Signed by Euainetos

31 Sicily, Syracuse, Dionysios I (c.405-367 BC), Silver Dekadrachm, 43.33g, 9h. Reverse die signed by the artist Euainetos. Struck c.400 BC. Charioteer, wearing a long chiton and holding a kentron in his right hand and the reins in his left, driving a fast quadriga to left, Nike flies above to crown the charioteer, in the exergue on two steps are a military harness, shield, greaves, cuirass and a crested Attic helmet, all connected by a horizontal spear. Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣΙΩΝ, head of Arethusa facing left, wearing a wreath of reeds, a triple-pendant earring and a necklace, dolphins swimming around, Δ below chin, signature [EY-AINE] (off flan) below (Gallatin R.XI./D.I.; SNG ANS 371 (this reverse die); Rizzo pl. LIV, 4 (this reverse die); Gulbenkian 314 (this reverse die); Pozzi 614 (these dies); Dewing 902 (these dies)). Some die-rust and light corrosion on obverse, with original patination, of beautiful style, by one of the most talented die-engravers of late fifth century Syracuse, very fine / nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 12,000

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 94, 27 June 2010, lot 4701

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32 Sicily, Syracuse (Timoleon and the Third Democracy, 344-317 BC), Æ Onkia, 5.4g. Timoleontic Symmachy coinage, c.344-339/8 BC. [ZE]YΣ EΛ–EYΘE[PIOΣ], laureate head of Zeus Eleutherios facing right. Rev. ΣY–PA–KO–[ΣI–ΩN], octopus (Castrizio series I, 3; CNS 75; SNG ANS -). Extremely fine. $ 700

33 Sicily, Syracuse (Timoleon and the Third Democracy, 344-317 BC), Æ Hemilitron, 14.87g, 3h. Struck c.344-339/8 BC. ZEYΣ ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΣ, head of Zeus Eleutherios facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣ-ΙΩΝ, thunderbolt, an eagle standing right on right (CNS 72; SNG ANS 477-88). Attractive dark green patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 350

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34 Sicily, Syracuse (Timoleon and the Third Democracy, 344-317 BC), Æ Hemidrachm, 12.21g. Struck c.344-339/8 BC. ΖΕΥΣ ΕΛ–ΕΥ–ΘΕΡΙΟΣ, head of Zeus Eleutherios facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚΟ–ΣΙΩΝ, thunderbolt, an eagle standing right on right (Castrizio series I, 1γ; CNS 72; SNG ANS 477-88). Dark greenish-brown patina, extremely fine. $ 700

35 Sicily, Syracuse, Agathokles (317-289 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.08g, 3h. Struck c.310-305 BC. Head of Arethusa facing left, her hair wreathed with grain, wearing a triple-pendant earring and a necklace, three dolphins swimming around, ΦΙ below. Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣΙΩΝ, charioteer, wearing a long chiton and holding a kentron in his right hand and the reins in his left, driving a fast quadriga to left, triskeles above, a monogram in exergue (M. Ierardi, '*Tetradrachms of Agathocles of Syracuse*', AJN 7-8, 1995-6, 67 (O12/R43); SNG ANS 640; SNG Lloyd 1480). A little softly-struck on charioteer, otherwise extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 64, 12-13 July 2000, lot 2472

36 Sicily, Syracuse, Agathokles (317-289 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.98g, 4h. Struck 305-295 BC. ΚΟΡΑΣ, Head of Kore facing left, wearing a wreath of grain-ears in her hair, and an earring. Rev. ΑΓΑΘΟΚ[ΛΕΙΟΣ], Nike standing to right, erecting a trophy of arms, triskeles on left (M. Ierardi, '*Tetradrachms of Agathocles of Syracuse*', AJN 7-8, 1995-6, 241 (O70/R163); SNG Lloyd 1494 (this obverse die)). A very rare issue, with the head of Kore facing to left, attractive cabinet tone with iridescent highlights, extremely fine and attractive. $ 2,800

ex Triton VII, 12 January 2004, lot 107
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 82, 25-27 July 2006, lot 3844

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37 Sicily, Syracuse, Agathokles (317-289 BC), Æ, 9.8g. Struck c.306/4-289 BC. ΣΩΤΗΡΑ, head of Artemis Soteira facing right, quiver at shoulder. Rev. ΑΓΑΘΟΚΛΕΟΣ above, ΒΑΣΙΛΕΟΣ below, winged thunderbolt (BAR Issue 33; CNS II 142; SNG ANS 708). Lovely reddish-brown patina, superb extremely fine. $ 500

38 Sicily, Syracuse, Hiketas II (287-278 BC), Æ, 10.9g. ΔΙΟΣ ΕΛΛΑΝΙΟΥ, laureate head of Zeus Hellanios facing left, thunderbolt behind. Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚ–Ο–ΣΙΩΝ, eagle standing left on thunderbolt, wings displayed (Calciati II pg. 303, 157 Ds 59 Rs 14 R1 1/2 corr (no symbols on reverse); SNG ANS 814. BAR issue 39; CNS II 157 Ds 59 Rs 14 R1 1/1; SNG ANS 814-7). Glossy reddish-brown patina, superb extremely fine. $ 750

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39 Sicily, Syracuse, Hiketas II (287-278 BC), Æ, 12.1g. [ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣΙ]ΩΝ, wreathed head of Kore facing left, grain ear behind. Rev. Charioteer, holding kentron and reins, driving galloping biga right, star above (CNS 123 (Agathokles); BAR issue 38; SNG ANS 760). Dark reddish-brown patina, extremely fine. $ 700

40 Sicily, Syracuse, Pyrrhos (278-276 BC), Æ, 10.1g. ΣΥΡΑ[ΚΟΣ]ΩΝ, head of Herakles facing left, wearing lion skin headdress, cornucopiae behind. Rev. Athena Promachos advancing right, wielding thunderbolt and holding forth shield on arm, wreath in left field (BAR Issue 52; CNS 176; cf SNG ANS 845-6 (symbol on obverse)). Glossy golden-brown patina, nearly mint state. $ 500

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41 Sicily, Syracuse, Hieron II (275-215 BC), Silver 16-Litrai, 13.1g. Struck 217-215 BC. Diademed and veiled head of Queen Philistis facing left, star behind. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΑΣ ΦΙΛΙΣΤΙΔΟΣ, Nike driving quadriga right, holding reins, star above, K in right field (CCO 121 (D8/R31); BAR Issue 65; Enna Hoard 34-40; SNG ANS 877 and 880 (this obverse die)). A very choice example with excellent surfaces, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 2,500

42 Sicily, Syracuse, Hieron II (275-215 BC), Silver 16-Litrai, 13.22g, 9h. Struck 217-215 BC. Head of Queen Philistis facing left, diademed and veiled. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΑΣ – ΦΙΛΙΣΤΙΔΟΣ, Nike, holding the reins, driving a slow quadriga right, AΦ above (Burnett, Enna Hoard, SNR 62, 1983, -; M. Caccamo Caltabiano / B. Carroccio / E. Oteri, Siracusa ellenistica - Le monete 'regali' di Ierone II, della sua famiglia e die Siracusani (1997), 182, 218 (these dies)). About extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,500

purchased from Freeman & Sear, USA
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 96, 5-8 April 2011, lot 4971

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43 Sicily, Syracuse, Hieron II (275-215 BC), Æ 27mm, 16.74g, 6h. Head facing left, wearing a diadem, uncertain symbol (rudder?) behind. Rev. horseman prancing right, holding a spear, a monogram below, ΙΕΡΩΝΟΣ in exergue (cf SNG ANS 932-3). Attractive dark green patina, good very fine. $ 200

ex Robert Rossini Collection

44 Siculo-Punic (c.350-320 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.73g, 10h. Head of Tanit facing left, wearing a wreath of corn-ears, a triple-pendant earring and a necklace, a dolphin behind. Rev. horse standing right before a palm-tree, a crescent above on left (Jenkins, SNR 56, 1977, 121 (O41/R109); McClean 3036 (these dies)). Some small areas of light surface erosion, otherwise toned with some lustre beneath, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,800

Beautiful Siculo-Punic Tetradrachm of Entella

45 Sicily, Entella (c.320/15-300 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.0g. Siculo-Punic issue. Wreathed head of Arethusa facing left, wearing triple-pendant earring and necklace. Rev. Horse galloping right before a palm-tree (Jenkins series 2d, 126 (O42/R114); Gulbenkian 363 (same dies); SNG Lockett 1037 (same dies); de Luynes 1433 (same dies)). Outstanding metal, fine style, extremely fine. $ 15,000

purchased from Spink & Son, London, in the late 1970s

46 Sicily, Entella (c.320-300 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.74g, 11h. Siculo-Punic issue. Head of Persephone facing left, wearing a wreath of grain ears, a triple-pendant earring and a necklace, four dolphins swimming around. Rev. horse's head facing left, a palm-tree behind, Punic legend "MMHNT" below (Jenkins, SNR 56, 1977, 147 (O47/R132); SNG Lloyd 1631 (this obverse die); de Luynes 1458 (this obverse die)). A few light marks, of beautiful style, good very fine to nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

ex Davissons Ltd, Auction 10, April 1998, lot 85
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 86, 21-23 November 2007, lot 3340

47 Sicily, Entella (c.300-289 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.9g. Siculo-Punic issue. Head of Herakles facing right, wearing lion skin headdress. Rev. "MHMHNT", horse's head below left, palm-tree with fruits behind (Jenkins series 5a, 285 (O91/R234); SNG Lockett 1055 (this obverse die)). Lightly toned and well detailed, superb extremely fine. $ 3,500

48 Moesia, Istros (c.400-350 BC), Silver Drachm, 5.36g. Two young male heads facing side-by-side, the left one inverted. Rev. ΙΣΤΡΙΗ, a sea-eagle standing to left on a dolphin, attacking it with its beak, a monogram below (SNG BM Black Sea 247-8; AMNG I, 417; SNG Stancomb 147). Lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 250

An Extremely Rare Abdera Tetradrachm

49 Thrace, Abdera (c.473/70-449/8 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.12g, 9h. Magistrate Deonysas. Griffin to left, its wings raised and the forepart of its body lifting off the ground as if it is about to take flight. Rev. Δ-Ε-Ο-Ν-Υ-Σ-Α-Σ, horse moving slowly left, within linear frame, all within an incuse square (Strack, AMNG, 72, pl. I, 17 (this coin); May Group LXVIII, p.139, 186). A few light old marks beneath a dark tone, very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 7,500

50 Thrace, Abdera (c.365-345 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 9.21g, 11h. Magistrate Aigialeon. ΑΒΔΗ / [Ρ]ΙΤΕΩΝ, Griffin crouching left on groundline, preparing to spring. Rev. ΕΠΙ ΑΙΓΙΑΛΕΩ[Ν], head of Apollo facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath, all within a shallow incuse square (cf May Group CXXVIII, 529). Light porosity, toned, very fine. $ 750

51 Thrace, Abdera (c.365-345 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 10.01g, 2h. Magistrate Dionysas. ΑΒΔΗ / ΡΙΤΕΩΝ, Griffin crouching right on groundline, preparing to spring. Rev. ΕΠΙ Δ[ΙΟ]-ΝΥΣΑΔΟΣ, head of Apollo facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath, all within a shallow incuse square (May Group CXXXI, 537; McClean 4032). Light porosity, toned, very fine. $ 750

52 Thrace, Abdera (c.360-350 BC), Silver Tetrobol, 2.81g, 1h. Magistrate Philaios. ΑΒΔ, Griffin prancing to left. Rev. ΕΠΙ ΦΙΛΑ-ΙΟ, Hermes standing right, astragalos on right, all within a shallow incuse square (May 423 (A.293/P.344); SNG Copenhagen 337). Nearly extremely fine. $ 200

53 Thrace, Maroneia (c.400-350 BC), Silver Stater, 11.39g, 10h. Prancing horse left, its bridle loose. Rev. ΕΠΙ-ΧΟΡ-ΗΓ-Ο, square linear frame, enclosing a vine with four clustres of grapes, a fly on left, all within a shallow incuse square (Schönert-Geiss 439; SNG Copenhagen 606). A few light marks on the obverse, lightly toned, attractive style, good very fine. $ 3,000

54 Thracian Islands, Thasos (c.140-110 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.76g, 12h. Head of young Dionysos facing right, wearing an ivy-wreath. Rev. ΗΡΑΚΛΕΟΥΣ / ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ / ΘΑΣΙΩΝ, Herakles, naked except for a lion skin draped over his left arm, standing facing, inclined slightly to the left, resting his right hand on a club, M (softly struck) between the club and his right leg (SNG Copenhagen 1040; BMC 72). Well struck, and of good style, about extremely fine. $ 300

55 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.28g. Mint of Lampsakos, c.297/6-282/1 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, wearing horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena enthroned left, holding Nike and resting elbow on shield at side, spear leaning against far shoulder, monogram above crescent in inner left field (Thompson 61; Müller 395). Nicely toned, superb extremely fine. $ 5,000

56 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.30g, 11h. Mint of Ephesos, struck c.294-287 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, wearing horn of Ammon. Rev. [ΒΑ]ΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena enthroned left, holding Nike and resting on a shield at her side, behind her rests a spear, a bee to right between E and Φ on left (Thompson 168; Müller 421). A few light marks, extremely fine, a very good example. $ 1,500

57 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.17g. Mint of Ephesos, c.294-287 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, wearing horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena enthroned left, holding Nike and resting elbow on shield at side, spear leaning against far shoulder, lyre in inner left field, A on side of throne (Thompson 174; Müller 355). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 1,000

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58 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.20g, 10h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck 288-281 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, wearing a diadem and the horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena, helmeted, enthroned left, holding Nike in her outstretched right hand and resting her left elbow on a shield at her side, behind her rests a spear, a monogram in inner left field, a monogram in outer right field (Thompson 199). Attractive style, lightly toned, good very fine. $ 1,000

59 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.96g, 12h. Mint of Abydos(?), struck after c.281 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, wearing a diadem and the horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena, helmeted, enthroned left, holding Nike in her outstretched right hand and resting her left elbow on a shield at her side, behind her rests a spear, an eagle standing right in inner left field (Thompson, in Essays to Robinson -; Muller 342; Boston 839 (this obverse die)). Attractive cabinet tone, of fine style, about extremely fine, a beautiful example. *Rare.* $ 2,000

ex McHugh Collection

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60 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.01g, 12h. Uncertain mint, struck c.281 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, wearing a diadem and the horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena, helmeted, enthroned left, holding Nike in her outstretched right hand and resting her left elbow on a shield at her side, behind her rests a spear, a monogram in inner left field, ΣΤΗ below throne (Thompson, in Essays to Robinson -; Imhoof-Blumer, Monnaies Grecques, p.55, 65). Of unusual and delicate style, very attractive, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,000

ex Gemini, Auction IV, 8 January 2008, lot 106

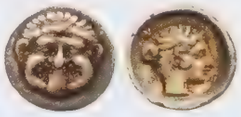
61 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.01g, 6h. Mint of Ainos, posthumous issue, struck c.280-260 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, diademed and with horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΛΙΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena enthroned left, holding Nike and resting her left elbow on a shield, behind her rests a spear, enthroned cult-image and bucranium on left (SNG Berry 405 (this obverse die); Thompson -; Müller). Beautiful cabinet tone, captivating style, extremely fine. $ 3,000

Unpublished Gold Stater of King Lysimachos

62 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Gold Stater, 8.4g. Uncertain mint, perhaps Kalchedon. Early Posthumous issue, c.281-225 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, wearing horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena enthroned left, holding Nike and resting elbow on shield at side, behind her rests a spear, monogram in inner left field (cf Müller 465, otherwise seemingly unpublished). Excellent fine style, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 7,000

63 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Gold Stater, 8.31g, 11h. Mint of Kalchedon. Posthumous issue, struck c.205-195 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, and with horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena, helmeted, enthroned left, holding Nike in her outstretched right hand and resting her left elbow on a shield at her side, behind her rests a spear, Φ in inner left field, a bull butting to left in the exergue (Seyrig, "*Monnaies Hellénistiques de Byzance et de Calcédoine*" in Essays to Robinson, pl. 25, 25 (these dies); Thompson, in Essays to Robinson -; Müller 358). Of fine style, lightly toned over residual lustre, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

64 Kingdom of Thrace, Lysimachos (323-281 BC), Gold Stater, 8.30g, 12h. Mint of Kallatis. Posthumous issue, struck during the first Mithradatic War, c.88-86 BC. Head of Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, wearing horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena Nikephoros seated left, holding Nike and resting on a shield at her side, behind her rests a spear, a monogram on left, ΚΑΛ on throne, a trident to left in exergue (Müller 266; SNG Copenhagen 1089). Residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 2,000



65 Macedon, Neapolis (late 5th to early 4th century BC), Silver Hemidrachm, 1.84g, 12h. Gorgoneion facing. Rev. N-E / Π-O, head of nymph facing right (SNG ANS 430). Well-centred, cabinet tone, good very fine. $ 200

An Attractive Tetradrachm of the Chalcidian League

66 Macedon, Olynthos, Chalcidian League (c.358-355 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.24g, 1h. Head of Apollo facing left, wearing a laurel-wreath, Rev. Χ-Α-Λ-ΚΙΔ-ΕΩΝ, kithara, [ΕΠΙ ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΟΔΟΡΟ] in exergue (Robinson & Clement, Group N, 87 (A55/P75); SNG ANS 490 (these dies)). Of beautiful and captivating style, a few minor pits, light tone, extremely fine. $ 10,000

67 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC), Gold Stater, 8.59g, 9h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck c.340-328 BC. Head of Apollo facing right, laureate. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ in exergue, charioteer, wearing a himation and holding a kentron and the reins, driving a galloping biga right, a crescent below horses (Le Rider pl. 76, 90-3 (D41/R71); SNG ANS 255). Residual lustre, of fine style and nearly extremely fine. $ 3,000

68 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.48g, 12h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck c.342-328 BC. Head of Zeus facing right, laureate. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ, naked youth on horseback right, holding a palm and the reins, a bee below, a stern beneath horse's raised left foreleg (Le Rider pl. 43, 493; SNG ANS 560ff.). Lightly toned, good very fine. $ 1,000

69 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.48g, 12h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck c.342-328 BC. Head of Zeus facing right, laureate. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ, naked youth on horseback right, holding a palm and the reins, a bee below, a rudder below horse's raised foreleg (Le Rider, pl. 43, 502 (D241/ R448); SNG ANS 569 (these dies)). A small area of surface erosion on reverse, lightly toned, good very fine. $ 1,500

70 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC), Gold Stater, 8.60g, 11h. Mint of Pella, posthumous issue, struck c.323-310 BC. Head of Apollo facing right, laureate. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ in exergue, fast biga right, the driver holding the reins with his left hand and kentron in his right, a thunderbolt below horses. (Le Rider, p.173, pl. 66, 421 (D190/R311); SNG ANS 168 (these dies)). Excellent style, good extremely fine. $ 3,600

ex Patraos Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

71 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.3g. Mint of Pella, c.323/2-c.315 BC. Head of Zeus facing right, laureate. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ–ΠΟΥ, youth on horseback right, crowning horse with palm, bucranium below (cf Le Rider 511 (D-/ R421; obverse die not recorded); SNG ANS 443 (this reverse die)). A lovely well struck example, well detailed, extremely fine. $ 1,600

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72 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.31g, 9h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck c.323-316 BC. Bearded head of Zeus facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ, naked youth on horseback right, holding long palm branch in his right hand, the reins with his left hand, aplustre and monogram below. (Le Rider, pl. 46, 18; SNG ANS 738). Struck in high relief, lightly toned over residual lustre, good extremely fine. $ 1,200

ex Patraos Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

73 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.31g, 2h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck c.323-315 BC. Head of Zeus facing right, laureate. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ, naked rider on horseback right, holding palm, a dolphin below horse, Π and dot beneath horse's raised left foreleg (Le Rider pl. 46, 19; SNG ANS 751 (this obverse die)). Lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 1,200

purchased from Edward J. Waddell Ltd., 10 July 2003

74 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Gold Stater, 8.59g. Mint of Sardis, lifetime issue, c.330/25-324/3 BC. Head of Athena facing right, wearing crested Corinthian helmet decorated with serpent. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Nike standing left, holding wreath and stylis; in left field, coiled serpent to left (Price 2532; ADM I, series III). In NGC graded about uncirculated, strike 4/5, surface 5/5, delicate reddish tone. $ 2,500

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75 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.09g, 12h. Mint of Byblos, struck c.330-320 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, a monogram on left (Price 3426; Müller 1375). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 900

76 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.93g, 4h. Mint of Side, struck c.325-320 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, ΔΙ on left, a monogram below throne (Price 2951; Müller 217). Broad flan, some light porosity, lightly toned, good very fine. $ 700

77 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, the Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.14g, 5h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck under Antipater, c.323-320 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, a Phrygian helmet on left (Price 112; Müller 854). Struck from very good metal, attractive style, well-struck and good extremely fine, an exceptional example. $ 1,500

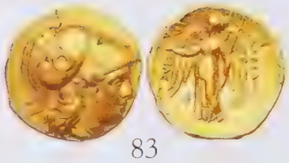
78 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.2g. Mint of Amphipolis, c.322-320 BC. Head of Herakles facing right, wearing lion skin. Rev. ΒΑΣ–ΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus enthroned left, holding eagle and sceptre, Macedonian helmet in left field (Price 113; Troxell issue H3). Lustrous, mint state. $ 1,500

79 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.2g. Mint of Pella, c.323-315 BC. Head of Herakles facing right, wearing lion skin. Rev. [A]ΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding eagle and sceptre, bee alighting on rose in left field (Price 206). Struck in high relief and very well detailed, nearly mint state, a superb specimen. $ 2,000

80 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.2g. Mint of Pella, c.317/6-315/4 BC. Head of Herakles facing right, wearing lion skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding eagle and sceptre, Boiotian shield in left field, serpent coiled to left below throne (Price 249; Moore 219-49). Lustrous and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

81 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III The Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.07g, 6h. Mint of Ake, dated CY 31 (316/5 BC). Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, Phoenician numerals (date) on left (Price 3281). Dark purple-grey patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 750

82 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Gold Stater, 8.50g. Mint of Babylon, under Seleukos I, c.311-300 BC. Head of Athena facing right, wearing crested Corinthian helmet with coiled serpent on bowl. Rev. ΒΑΣ–ΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝ[ΔΡΟΥ], Nike standing facing, head left, holding wreath and stylis, MI below left wing, monogram in wreath below right wing (SC 81.2; Price 3748; HGC 9, 3a). Very attractive with rose colour highlights, superb extremely fine. $ 5,000



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83 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Gold Stater, 8.55g, 6h. Mint of Babylon, struck c.311-305 BC. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet decorated with a coiled serpent. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Nike standing left, holding a wreath and stylis, monograms below wings (Price 3775; Müller 1304). Nearly extremely fine. $ 2,750

84 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.26g, 12h. Mint of Kolophon, struck c.310-301 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, Φ on left, a monogram below throne (Price 1828; Müller 812). Well-struck, lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 350

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85 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III the Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.76g, 12h. Uncertain mint in Western Asia Minor, struck c.323-280 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, cult-statue of Artemis(?) on left (Price 2720; Müller 1256; SNG Copenhagen 866). Beautiful cabinet tone, of fine style, good very fine. *Very rare and with an enigmatic symbol.* $ 1,250

86 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III the Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.09g, 12h. Uncertain mint in Southern Asia Minor, struck c.320-280 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟ[Υ], Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, a hook (lagobolon?) on left, K below throne (Price 3070; Müller 237). Excellent detail, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 850

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87 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III the Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.24g, 1h. Possibly minted in Asia Minor, struck c.275 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΛΕΞΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding an eagle and a sceptre (cf Price 1275A (Sinope?)). Good very fine. *Rare.* $ 650

88 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III the Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.92g, 6h. Mint of Kabyle, struck c.225-215 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΛΕΞΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, symbol of Phosphorus standing with two torches in field (Price 883). Extremely fine. $ 950

89 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III the Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.97g, 12h. Mint of Chios, struck 210-190 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion's-skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, sphinx symbol at feet, a monogram above, a monogram below seat (Price 2389). Extremely fine. $ 750

ex Classical Numismatic Group Auction 67, 22 September 2004, lot 431

90 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III the Great (336-323 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.97g, 12h. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion skin. Rev. [A]ΛΕΞΝΔΡΟ[Y], Zeus seated left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, dolphins in field (Price B3b (listed as a barbarous issue); Müller 73). Good very fine, nicely toned. $ 500

ex Gorny & Mosch Auction 142, 10-11 October 2005, lot 1365

91 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip III Arrhidaeus (323-316 BC), Gold Stater, 8.61g, 7h. Mint of Babylon, struck c.323-317 BC. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet decorated with a snake. Rev. ΒΑ-ΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ, Nike, wearing a long chiton, standing left, holding a stylis with her left hand, a wreath in her outstretched right hand, ΛΥ below left wing, M below right wing (Price P 178; SNG Copenhagen 1069). Good style, good extremely fine. $ 3,000

ex Patraos Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

92 Kingdom of Macedon, Demetrios I Poliorketes (306-283 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.18g. Mint of Amphipolis, c.294/3 BC. Nike standing left, blowing trumpet and holding stylis, on prow of galley left. Rev. ΒΑ–ΣΙΛΕ–ΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, Poseidon Pelagaios advancing left, extending arm on which hangs chlamys and preparing to throw trident; in left field, tripod, Z above ME monogram in right field (Newell 94; SNG Alpha Bank -). In NGC holder graded choice mint state, strike 5/5, surface 5/ 5. $ 5,000

93 Kingdom of Macedon, Antigonos II Gonatas (277-239 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.97g, 3h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck c.274-255 BC. Head of horned Pan facing left, with lagobolon over shoulder, at the centre of a Macedonian shield. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΓΟΝΟΥ, Athena Alkidemos advancing left, brandishing a thunderbolt and holding a shield, a crested Macedonian helmet on left, a monogram on right (SNG Alpha Bank 986-8; SNG München 1077-8; SNG Saroglos 921-3). Very fine. $ 1,250

94 Kingdom of Macedon, Antigonos III Doson (229-221 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.21g, 12h. Mint of Amphipolis(?), struck c.227-225 BC. Head of Poseidon facing right, wearing a wreath of seaweed. Rev. Apollo seated left on a prow inscribed ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΓΟΝΟΥ, testing a bow with his extended right hand, and leaning on the prow with his left, a monogram below (SNG Alpha Bank 1046; SNG Ashmolean 3266; Boston 714-5). A light mark on cheek, otherwise well-struck and a very good example of this issue, extremely fine and attractive. *Rare in this state of preservation.* $ 2,000

ex Gemini Auction I, New York, 11-12 January, 2005, lot 94

95 Kingdom of Macedon, Antigonos III Doson (229-221 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.94g, 11h. Mint of Amphipolis(?), struck c.227-225 BC. Head of Poseidon facing right, wearing a wreath of seaweed. Rev. Apollo seated left on a prow inscribed ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΓΟΝΟΥ, testing a bow with his extended right hand, and leaning on the prow with his left, a monogram below (SNG Alpha Bank 1046; SNG Ashmolean 3266). Some light marks, very fine. $ 1,200

96 Kingdom of Macedon, Time of Philip V and Perseus (187-168 BC), Silver Tetrobol, 2.37g, 7h. Mint of Pella or Amphipolis. MA / KE, Macedonian shield with a club on boss. Rev. Macedonian helmet left, two monograms on left, a monogram and trident on right (SNG Ashmolean 3280). Toned, good very fine. $ 150

97 Kingdom of Macedon, Perseus (179-168 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.49g, 12h. Mint of Pella or Amphipolis, struck c.173-171 BC. Head of Perseus facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙ-ΛΕΩΣ / ΠΕΡ-ΣΕΩΣ, eagle standing right on a thunderbolt, its wings spread, monograms above and on right, Φ between eagle's legs, all within an oak-wreath, a plough below (Mamroth 21b; SNG Copenhagen 1269). With a portrait of fine style, lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 1,500

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98 Kingdom of Paeonia, Patraos (340-315 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.74g, 12h. Youthful head facing right, laureate. Rev. ΠΑΤΡ-ΑΟΥ, Paeonian horseman galloping right, wearing military costume and helmet, spearing with his right hand a fallen Macedonian soldier holding a round shield, a bucranium in field left (Paeonian Hoard I, 234 (these dies); SNG ANS 1030). Good style, large flan, extremely fine. $ 450

ex Patraos Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

99 Kingdom of Paeonia, Patraos (340-315 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.47g, 6h. Youthful head facing right, laureate. Rev. ΠΑΤΡΑΟ-Υ, Paeonian horseman galloping right, wearing military costume and helmet, spearing with his right hand a fallen Macedonian soldier holding a round shield, a monogram in field left (Paeonian Hoard I, 434 (these dies); SNG Oxford 3359). Well centred, good extremely fine. $ 480

ex Patraos Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

100 Kingdom of Paeonia, Patraos (340-315 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.56g, 9h. Youthful head facing right, laureate. Rev. ΠΑΤ-ΡΑΟΥ, Paeonian horseman galloping right, wearing military costume and helmet, spearing with his right hand a fallen Macedonian soldier holding a round shield, a monogram in left field (Paeonian Hoard I, 479 (these dies); SNG Oxford 3359). Well centred, high relief, good extremely fine. $ 480

ex Patraos Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

101 Kingdom of Paeonia, Audoleon (315-286 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.6g. Astibos or Damastion. Head of Athena facing slightly right, wearing triple-crested Attic helmet. Rev. ΑΥΔΟΛΕΩΝ–ΤΟΣ, horse walking right, star below upraised foreleg (NBRM Paeonia -; SNG ANS 1056). About extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 4,000

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102 Kingdom of Paeonia, Audoleon (315-286 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.5g. Astibos or Damastion. Head of Athena facing slightly right, wearing triple-crested Attic helmet. Rev. ΑΥΔΟΛΕΩΝ–ΤΟΣ, horse walking right, a monogram below (NBRM Paeonia 82 var (monogram below horse); SNG ANS 1056 var (star below foreleg)). Toned, choice very fine. $ 2,000

103 Kingdom of Paeonia, Audoleon (315-286 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.07g, 10h. Astibos or Damastion. Head of Athena facing, inclined slightly to right, wearing a triple-crested Attic helmet. Rev. ΑΥΔΩΛΕΟ[Ν-ΤΟΣ], horse walking right, a monogram below (SNG Ashmolean 3370; SNG ANS 1054 var, cf 1056 for obverse; Dewing 1232). Lightly toned, about very fine. $ 2,000

104 Thessaly, Larissa (c.479-460 BC), Silver Obol, 0.80g, 11h. Head of the nymph Larissa facing right. Rev. Sandal of the hero Jason, ΛΑ in field, all within an incuse square (BCD 139 (same dies)). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,250

105 Thessaly, Larissa (c.479-460 BC), Silver Drachm, 6.0g. ΛΑΡΙΣΑΙΩΝ, bull charging right. Rev. Thessalian horseman, wearing petasos, chlamys and tunic, holding goad and reins, on horse galloping right (Lorber, Thessalian Hoards 101; BCD Thessaly II 186; Herrmann pl. IV, 17). Extremely fine. $ 1,000

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106 Thessaly, Larissa (c.479-460 BC), Silver Drachm, 6.05g. Head of the nymph Larissa facing slightly left, hair bound with ampyx. Rev. ΛΑΡΙΣ–ΑΙΩΝ, horse standing right, preparing to lie down, trace of trident(?) below horse (cf Lorber, Thessalian Hoards 115; BCD Thessaly II 323 (this obverse die); Herrmann pl. V, 14). Delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

ex Sternberg Auction 24, lot 68

There appears to be traces of the trident head below the horse on this coin, though this is not certain as the symbol is not clear and the lines on the coin could just be die cracks. The BCD specimen cited, with which this coin shares its obverse die, does indeed have the trident on the reverse, but it is struck from a different reverse die.

107 Thessaly, Larissa (c.356-342 BC), Silver Drachm, 6.03g, 11h. Head of the nymph Larissa facing, inclined slightly to left, wearing an ampyx and a pendant earring. Rev. ΛΑΡΙΣ / ΑΙΩΝ, horse to right, preparing to lie down (Lorber, phase LIII, 38-60; SNG Copenhagen 120; BCD Thessaly 1154-7). Well-centred, light iridescent tone, about extremely fine and an attractive example. $ 1,000

108 Thessaly, Pharsalos (late 5th to mid 4th Century BC), Silver Drachm, 5.95g. Dies signed by Telephantos. Head of Athena right, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with wing and palmette, small TH and ΙΠ between crest and neckguard. Rev. Φ–A, warrior on horseback right, wearing petasos and carrying logobolon over shoulder, small T (off flan) in exergue, all within shallow incuse square (Lavva 93b (V47/R53; this coin); BCD Thessaly II 639 corr.). Nicely toned, extremely fine. $ 2,500

ex BCD Collection
ex Leu Auction 33, 3 May 1983, lot 304

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109 Thessaly, Thessalian League (196-146 BC), Silver Double Victoriatus, 6.30g, 1h. Magistrates Sosipatros and Gorgopas. Head of Zeus facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. Athena Itonia advancing right, brandishing a spear and holding a shield, small NI flanking Athena, magistrates' names above and below (cf McClean 4873; BMC Thessaly, p.3, 25 var; SNG Copenhagen 295 var). Some light double-striking on reverse, extremely fine. $ 350

110 Thessaly, Thessalian League (2nd to 1st Century BC), Silver Double Victoriatus, 5.97g, 12h. Magistrates Ippolochos and Atrestides. Head of Zeus facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΘΕΣΣΑ / ΛΟΝ, Athena Itonia advancing right, brandishing spear and holding shield, ΙΠΠΟΛ-ΟΧΟΣ above, ΑΤΡΕΣ[ΤΙΔΗ] in exergue (McClean 4927, pl. 179, 7). Some light porosity on reverse, bright surfaces, about extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 200

111 Thessaly, Thessalian League (mid to late 1st Century BC), Silver Double Victoriatus, 5.88g, 12h. Magistrates Philippos and Themistogenes. Head of Zeus facing right, wearing an oak-wreath. Rev. ΘΕΣΣΑ / ΛΩΝ, Athena Itonia advancing right, brandishing a spear and holding a shield, [Φ]ΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ above, [ΘΕ]ΜΙΣΤΟΓΕ[ΝΕΣ] in exergue, Ennodia running to right on right, holding two torches (BMC 28; SNG Copenhagen 296 var; BCD Thessaly II, 883.2). Attractive iridescent cabinet tone, nearly extremely fine. $ 250

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112 Boiotia, Thebes (c.395-338 BC), Silver Stater, 12.24g. Struck c.368-364 BC. Boiotian shield. Rev. [A]P-KA, amphora, two leaves on each handle, all within a shallow incuse circle (BCD 537; Hepworth 14; BMC 117-9). Slightly off-centre, good very fine. $ 500

113 Euboia, Histiaia (3rd to 2nd Century BC), Silver Tetrobol, 2.11g, 12h. Head of nymph Histiaia facing right, wreathed with vine. Rev. ΙΣΤΙ-[Α]ΙΕΩ-Ν, nymph Histiaia seated right on a galley decorated with a winged thunderbolt, a monogram on right (BMC 113; BCD 416). Attractively toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 100

114 Attica, Athens (c.500/490-485/0 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.0g. Helmeted head of Athena facing right, frontal eye. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, olive spray with berry behind, all within shallow incuse square (Seltman grp. Gii (unlisted dies); Asyut grp. Ivg; SNG Copenhagen -). Excellent metal and well centred on both sides, pleasing style and attractive for the grade, lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 5,000

A Beautiful Early Classical Athens Tetradrachm

115 Attica, Athens (c.460-450 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.06g, 7h. Transitional issue. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Starr 50, 130 (this obverse die); SNG Delepierre 1425). Excellent early classical style, beautiful old toning, extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 5,500

116 Attica, Athens (c.460-445 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.96g, 12h. Transitional issue. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Starr pl. XXII, 8; Kroll 8). Of beautiful transitional style, with very well-proportioned types, the work of a skilled engraver, likely to have been struck just prior to the mass issues of the later 5th Century, about extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 2,800

117 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.23g, 8h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Of exceptional metal quality and style, residual lustre, good extremely fine, a beautiful example. $ 4,000

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118 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.13g, 8h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. ΑΘΕ, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Light traces of double-striking on reverse, good metal, well-centred, good extremely fine. $ 2,500

119 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.15g, 11h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. ΑΘΕ, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Well centred, of delicate and fine style, lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 2,500

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120 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.17g, 10h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. ΑΘΕ, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Starr, pl. XXII, 7; Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Extremely fine. $ 2,500

121 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.2g. Helmeted head of Athena facing right. Rev. ΑΘΕ, owl standing right, head facing, olive-spray with berry and crescent above to left, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; Svoronos pl. 14; SNG Copenhagen 31-). Nice deep incuse impression, lightly toned with traces of lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 1,750

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122 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.1g. Helmeted head of Athena facing right. Rev. ΑΘΕ, owl standing right, head facing, olive-spray with berry and crescent above to left, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; Svoronos pl. 14; SNG Copenhagen 31-). Extremely fine. $ 1,500

123 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.19g, 9h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. ΑΘΕ, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Iridescent tone, about extremely fine. $ 1,400

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124 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.76g. Helmeted head of Athena facing right. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, olive-spray with berry and crescent above to left, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; Svoronos pl. 14; SNG Copenhagen 31-). Very fine. $ 1,000

125 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.17g, 9h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Slightly oval flan, nearly extremely fine. $ 800

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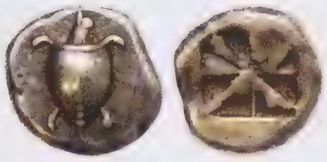
126 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.92g, 2h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, an olive-sprig and crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Attractive style, lightly toned, very fine. $ 650

127 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.2g. Eastern imitation. Helmeted head of Athena facing right. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, head facing, olive-spray with berry and crescent above to left, all within an incuse square (cf Kroll 8; cf Svoronos pl. 14; cf SNG Copenhagen 31-40). Ancient test cut behind head, extremely fine. $ 2,500

128 Attica, Athens (86-84 BC), Silver New Style Tetradrachm, 15.94g, 12h. Issue of Sulla, struck 86-84 BC. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a triple-crested Attic helmet, decorated with Pegasos and the protomes of four horses. Rev. owl standing right, head facing, on amphora, monograms to left and right, A on amphora (Thompson 1313; Svoronos pl. 78, 11). A few old marks and small test-marks, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,500

Just as Rome was beginning to recover from the Social War, a new crisis developed in the East. The Pontic king Mithradates VI slaughtered 80,000 Roman and Italian residents of Asia in a single night. In response, the Senate gave command to the consul Lucius Cornelius Sulla to stem the Pontic tide and punish its king. Marian forces usurped the Senate and awarded command to Gaius Marius, but Sulla's legions remained loyal to him and he forced Marius out of Rome. In the meantime, Mithradates had seized Asia Minor, while Pontic forces under general Archelaus occupied Greece, where Archelaus set up the philosopher and Pontic king's friend Aristion as tyrant in Athens. Sulla headed east in 87 BC launching the First Mithradatic War. Landing in Epiros, Sulla marched on Athens, putting it to a siege. On the Kalends of March, 86 BC, Sulla captured the city, meting out a harsh punishment. In Boeotia, Sulla met and defeated Archelaus at the Battles of Chaeronea and Orchomenus, and Greece was fully restored to Roman rule.



129 Islands off Attica, Aigina (c.550-500 BC), Silver Stater, 12.08g. Turtle with row of pellets on shell. Rev. Incuse square divided into eight compartments (SNG Lockett 1960; Asyut 541; SNG Delepierre 1501). Struck in high relief, beautiful cabinet toning, almost extremely fine. $ 3,800

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130 Islands off Attica, Aigina (c.456-431 BC), Silver Stater, 12.28g. Land tortoise, with segmented shell. Rev. Incuse square of skew pattern (S. Milbank, '*The Coinage of Aegina*', ANS NNM 24, 1925, pl. II, 12; SNG Copenhagen 517; Dewing 1683; SNG Lockett 1983). Well centred and struck, good metal, light iridescent tone, extremely fine and attractive. $ 1,800

131 Corinth (c.375-300 BC), Silver Stater, 7.7g. Pegasos flying left, Koppa and Σ below. Rev. Helmeted head of Athena facing left, bowl of helmet decorated with laurel wreath, Ω-[?] below neck, ivy leaf with berry behind (Pegasi -, but cf 434; BCD Corinth -). Extremely fine. $ 1,000

This unusual Corinthian Stater is seemingly unrecorded in the standard references, having both the Koppa and the letter Σ below the pegasos.

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132 Corinth (c.330 BC), Silver Trihemidrachm, 3.91g, 12h. Bellerophon, wearing a petasos and a chlamys, and thrusting a javelin downwards, on Pegasos flying right, koppa below. Rev. Chimaera standing left, its right forepaw raised, ΔΙ between its hind legs, an amphora below (BCD 144 (these dies); Warren, in Essays to Robinson, p.128, Group V.A.1.1, pl. 13, 9 (these dies)). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,750

133 Peloponnese, Achaian League, Elis (late 1st Century BC), Silver Hemidrachm, 2.17g, 2h. Head of Zeus facing right, laureate, magistrate's name ΘΡΑΚΥΛΕΩΝ behind. Rev. monograms, a thunderbolt below, all within a wreath (Clerk 272; BCD 688; BMC 70). Struck on a very broad oval flan, attractive cabinet tone, nearly extremely fine. $ 150

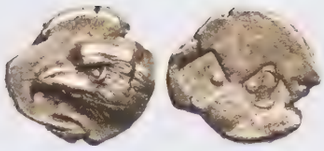
134 Kingdom of Pontus, Mithradates VI "the Great" (c.120-63 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.34g, 12h. Struck in the name of Alexander the Great. Mint of Odessos, struck c.100-70 BC. Head of Mithradates, as Herakles, facing right, wearing a lion skin headdress. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΛΕΞΕΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, monograms on left and below seat (Price, *Alexander,* 1190). Extremely fine, boldly struck. $ 750

135 Kingdom of Pontus, Mithradates VI "the Great" (c.120-63 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.22g, 12h. Struck 90-89 BC. Head of Mithradates VI facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΜΙΘΡΑΔΑΤΟΥ / ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Pegasos on groundline to left, preparing to lie down, star, crescent, monograms around, all within an ivy-wreath (SNG BM 1033). Toned, very fine, old scuff on reverse. *Rare.* $ 1,750

136 Kingdom of Pontus, Mithradates VI "the Great" (c.120-63 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.80g, 12h. Struck 89-88 BC. Head of Mithradates VI facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΙΘΡΑΔΑΤΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Pegasos on groundline to left, preparing to lie down, a star within a crescent on left, a monogram and date ΘΣ (dated 209) to right, all within an ivy-wreath (De Callataÿ D58/R42). Toned, well-centred and good very fine. $ 3,000

137 Kingdom of Pontus, Mithradates VI "the Great" (c.120-63 BC), Gold Stater, 8.28g, 12h. Struck in the name of Lysimachos. Mint of Istros, struck c.88-86 BC. Head facing right, diademed, with the features of Mithradates VI. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena seated left holding Nike in right hand, left arm resting on shield, a trident symbol below (De Callatay p.139 (D1/R1)). Struck from the first die in the series, the die that most resembles Mithradates, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

138 Kingdom of Pontus, Mithradates VI "the Great" (c.120-63 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.25g, 12h. Struck 85/84 BC. Head of Mithradates VI facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΜΙΘΡΑΔΑΤΟΥ / ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, stag standing left with head lowered, star, crescent, monograms around, all within an ivy-wreath (SNG BM 1036b). Toned, very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,950



139 Paphlagonia, Sinope (c.425-410 BC), Silver Drachm, 5.9g. Head of sea-eagle facing left, dolphin below left. Rev. Quadripartite incuse square with alternating quarters filled, pellet in one sunken quarter, pellet and B in the other (RG 12; SNG BM 1371; SNG Stancomb -; SNG von Aulock 6839). Fine archaic style, choice very fine. $ 1,300

140 Paphlagonia, Sinope (c.330-300 BC), Silver Drachm, 6.0g. Ikesi., magistrate. Head of nymph facing left, hair held in sakkos, wearing triple-pendant earring and necklace, aplustre before. Rev. ΣΙΝΩ, sea-eagle on dolphin left, tail feathers above, magistate's name ΙΚΕ[ΣΙ] (SNG BM -; SNG Stancomb -; RG 31). Lustrous, mint state. $ 750

141 Bithynia, Kios (c.350-300 BC), Silver Hemidrachm, 2.51g, 11h. Magistrate Athenodoros. Head of Apollo facing right, laureate. Rev. magistrate's name Α-ΘΗΝΟ / [Δ]ΩΡΟΣ above and below prow of galley left (BMC 3, pl. XXVIII, 9; SNG Copenhagen 369). Extremely fine. $ 150

142 Bithynian Kingdom, Nikomedes IV (94-74 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.6g. SE 205 (94/3 BC). Diademed head of Nikomedes IV facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΟΜΗΔΟΥ, Zeus standing facing, head left, holding wreath and sceptre, eagle standing left on thunderbolt above monogram and date (ΕΣ) (Callataÿ p.61; RG p.232; SNG Copenhagen 650). Broad flan, lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 3,000

143 Bithynian Kingdom, Nikomedes IV (94-74 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.6g. SE 206 (93/2 BC). Diademed head of Nikomedes IV facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΟΜΗΔΟΥ, Zeus standing facing, head left, holding wreath and sceptre, eagle standing left on thunderbolt above monogram and date (CΣ) (Callataÿ p.61; RG p.232; SNG Manchester 1986). Lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 1,500

144 Mysia, Kyzikos (c.550-500 BC), Electrum Hekte, 2.67g. Head of a lion facing left, a tunny on right. Rev. Quadripartite incuse square (von Fritze I, 39; SNG France 179; de Luynes 2437; Boston 1415). Good very fine. $ 1,750

145 Mysia, Kyzikos (c.500-460 BC), Electrum Stater, 16.08g. Hound standing left at bay, a tunny-fish below. Rev. Quadripartite incuse square (von Fritze 93, pl. III, 12; Greenwell 138; Boston 1469; SNG France 230). Nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 8,500

ex Jonathan P. Rosen Collection

146 Mysia, Pergamon (c.166-67 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.6g. Cistophoric type, c.155-150 BC. Serpent emerging from cista mystica with lid ajar, all within ivy wreath. Rev. Two serpents entwined around bow and bowcase, monogram of Pergamon to left, star to right (Kleiner & Noe series 12; Pinder 83; SNG BN -). An exceptional example, well detailed, superb extremely fine. $ 1,000

147 Aiolis, Aigai (c.151-143 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.68g, 12h. Stephanophoric type. Head of Apollo Smintheos facing right, wreathed, a bow and quiver over shoulder. Rev. ΑΙΓΑΙΕΩΝ, Zeus standing left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, a monogram on left, all within an oak-wreath (SNG ANS Norman Davis Collection 204 (this coin); SNG von Aulock 1594; SNG Copenhagen 6). Attractively toned, good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,500

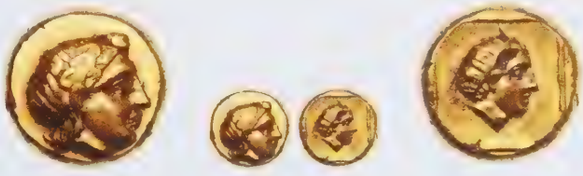
The Tetradrachms of this type from Aigai are very rare, with just four obverse dies having been identified.
ex Norman Davis Collection

148 Aiolis, Kyme (c.165-140 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.05g, 12h. Magistrate Straton. Head of the Amazon Kyme facing right, her hair bound with a taenia. Rev. ΚΥΜΑΙΩΝ, horse standing right, a one-handled cup below its raised left foreleg, magistrate's name ΣΤΡΑΤΩΝ in exergue (J. Oakley, '*The Autonomous Wreathed Tetradrachms of Kyme, Aeolis*', ANS MN 27, 1982, 47a (this coin)). Toned, a few marks and some light smoothing in obverse field, otherwise good very fine. $ 500

ex Kölner Münz 12, 26-28 March 1973, lot 52

149 Aiolis, Kyme (c.165-140 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.57g, 12h. Magistrate Olympios. Head of the Amazon Kyme facing right, her hair bound with a taenia. Rev. ΚΥΜΑΙΩΝ, horse standing right, its left foreleg raised, a one-handled cup below, magistrate's name ΟΛΥΜΠΙΟΣ in exergue, all within a laurel-wreath (J.H. Oakley, '*The Autonomous Wreathed Tetradrachms of Kyme, Aeolis*', ANS MN 27, 1982, p.32, obverse die 53; BMC 81; de Luynes 2524). Extremely fine. $ 900

150 Aiolis, Myrina (c.160-143 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.27g, 12h. Head of Apollo facing right, laureate. Rev. ΜΥΡΙΝΑΙΩΝ, Apollo Grynios standing right, holding a branch and phiale a monogram on left, omphalos and amphora at feet, all within a laurel-wreath (Sacks, Issue 18.111 (these dies); SNG von Aulock 1664). Extremely fine. $ 900



151 Lesbos, Mytilene (c.377-326 BC), Electrum Hekte, 2.6g. Head of Dionysos facing right, wearing ivy wreath. Rev. Diademed head of youthful male (Pan?) facing right, within linear square border (Bodenstedt 81 (dies g/θ); SNG Copenhagen 322 (same dies); HGC 6, 1007). Superb, extremely fine. $ 1,200

152 Ionia, Herakleia ad Latmon (c.150-142 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.57g, 12h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with a volute, Pegasos, and the foreparts of five horses. Rev. ΗΡΑΚΛΕΩΤΩΝ, club to right, Nike advancing to left below, holding a wreath, between two monograms, all within an oak-wreath (SNG Lockett 2823; Pozzi 2452; BMC 1 var). Reverse a little off-centre, extremely fine. $ 1,900

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ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 72, 26-28 March 2003, lot 3324

153 Ionia, Magnesia ad Maeandrum (c.160-150 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.75g, 12h. Magistrate Apollodoros Kallikratou. Bust of Artemis facing right, diademed, a quiver over shoulder. Rev. ΜΑ-ΓΝΗΤΩΝ, Apollo standing left, resting on tall tripod, holding a branch tied with fillet, magistrate's name ΑΠΟΛΛΟΔΩΡΟΣ / ΚΑΛΛΙΚΡΑΤΟΥ on right, a maeander pattern below, all within a laurel-wreath (N. Jones, '*The Autonomous Wreathed Tetradrachms of Magnesia on Maeander*', ANS MN 24, 1979, 4b (this obverse die); Hunter p.347, 8). Attractively toned, extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,250

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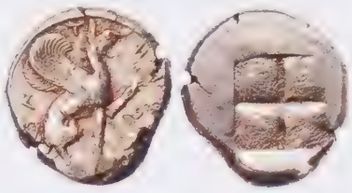
154 Ionia, Magnesia ad Maeandrum (c.160-150 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.76g, 12h. Magistrate Apollodoros Kallikratou. Bust of Artemis facing right, diademed, with bow and quiver at shoulder. Rev. ΑΠΟΛΛΟΔΩΡΟΣ / ΚΑΛΛΙΚΡΑΤΟΥ / ΜΑΓΝΗΤΩΝ, Apollo standing left, resting on a tall tripod, holding a branch tied with a fillet, maeander pattern below, all within a laurel-wreath (N. Jones, '*The Autonomous Wreathed Tetradrachms of Magnesia on Maeander*', ANS MN 24, 1979, 4b (this obverse die); Pozzi 2463). Lightly toned, about extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 800

ex Empire Coins, New York Auction 7, 2 May 1987, lot 58
ex Classical Numismatic Group, Mail Bid Sale 63, 21 May 2003, lot 489

155 Ionia, Magnesia ad Maeandrum (c.160-150 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.74g, 12h. Bust of Artemis facing right, wearing a tiara, with a bow and quiver at her shoulder. Rev. ΜΑΓΝΗΤΩΝ / ΕΥΦΗΜΟΣ / ΠΑΥΣΑΝΙΟΥ, Apollo standing left on a meander pattern, holding a branch and leaning against a tripod surmounted by a quiver, all within a wreath (N. Jones, '*The Autonomous Wreathed Tetradrachms of Magnesia on Maeander*', ANS MN 24, 1979, 8). Toned, good very fine. $ 600

156 Ionia, Phokaia (c.521-478 BC), Electrum Hekte, 2.57g. Bearded head of Silenos facing. Rev. quadripartite incuse square (Bodenstedt 43 (f/η), pl. 45 (these dies)). Good very fine. $ 900



157 Ionia, Teos (c.470-435 BC), Silver Stater, 11.81g. T-HIO-N, Griffin seated facing right, a bunch of grapes with leaf below its raised left foreleg. Rev. quadripartite incuse square, with granulated quarters (Balcer, SNR 47, 1968, 102 (A-/P134); Jameson 1517 (this reverse die)). Some small areas of minor soft striking, otherwise nearly extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 800

158 Caria, Kaunos (c.430-410 BC), Silver Stater, 11.71g, 12h. Winged female figure (Iris?), wearing a long kiton, in kneeling-running position to left, her head turned right, holding a kerykeion and a wreath in her outstretched hands. Rev. Conical baetyl, granulated patterns on either side resembling birds, all within an incuse square (K. Konuk, in Studies to Price, pl. 48, 87; SNG Kayhan 791; SNG Delepierre 2784). Very fine. $ 2,200

159 Caria, Knidos (c.520-495 BC), Silver Drachm, 6.17g, 6h. Forepart of a roaring lion facing right, its jaws open and tongue protruding. Rev. Head of Aphrodite facing left, her hair in a sakkos, and wearing an earring; within an incuse square (Cahn 33 (V17/R30); SNG Keckman -; Kraay & Hirmer 628 (these dies); SNG Copenhagen 203 (these dies)). Very attractive late archaic style, surfaces lightly granular, lightly toned, good very fine. *Rare, only seven examples listed by Cahn.* $ 750

ex Heritage Numismatic Auctions, 22-23 February 2001, lot 5023

160 Satraps of Caria, Pixodaros (340-334 BC), Silver Didrachm, 6.99g, 12h. Head of Apollo facing, inclined slightly to right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΠΙΞΟΔΑΡΟΥ, Zeus Labraundos standing right, wearing a chiton and a himation, holding a spear in his left hand and a double-headed axe (labrys) over his shoulder in his right (BMC 5; SNG Keckman 280; SNG Kayhan 891; SNG Lockett 2913). Attractive style, extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 60, 21-23 April 1999, lot 1890

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161 Carian Islands, Rhodes (c.230-205 BC), Silver Didrachm, 6.54g, 1h. Magistrate Eukrates. Radiate head of Helios facing, slightly inclined to right. Rev. ΡΟΔΙΟΝ, rose, with bud to right, an anchor on left, ΕΥΚΡΑ-ΤΗΣ flanking stem (Ashton 220; SNG Keckman 549; SNG Copenhagen 760). Bright surfaces, good very fine. $ 400

ex Classical Numismatic Group, Mail Bid Sale 78, 14 May 2008, lot 845
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 97, 26-28 July 2011, lot 3317

162 Carian Islands, Rhodes (c.188-170 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.14g, 12h. Magistrate Antigenes. Head of Helios facing right, radiate. Rev. P-O, rose, ΑΝΤΙΓΕΝΕΣ above, all within an incuse square (cf SNG Keckman 632-3; cf BMC 249). Toned, extremely fine. $ 200

163 Kingdom of Lydia (temp. Cyrus – Darios I, 545-520 BC), Silver Half Stater, 5.37g. Mint of Sardes. Forepart of a roaring lion facing right, confronting the forepart of a bull facing left. Rev. two incuse square punch marks (SNG Kayhan 1024-6; Rosen 663; BMC 45). Lightly toned, very fine. $ 500

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164 Phyrigia, Apamea (struck after 133 BC), Æ 22mm, 7.76g, 2h. Bust of Athena facing left, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet and an aegis. Rev. ΑΠΑΜΕΩΝ ΑΝΤΙΦΩΝ / ΜΕΝΕΚΛΕΟΥΣ, eagle flying right over maeander pattern between the caps of the Dioscuri surmounted by stars, a star above (BMC 77, 46; SNG Münich 110; SNG Copenhagen 164). Attractive dark patina, extremely fine. $ 480

165 Phrygia, Kibyra (c.166-84 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.12g, 2h. Male head facing right, wearing a crested helmet. Rev. Horseman advancing right, with a spear in couched position, ΚΙΒΥΡΑΤΩ[Ν] in exergue (SNG von Aulock 3702). Extremely fine. $ 750

166 Dynasts of Lycia, Mithrapata (c.380-360 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 9.66g, 9h. Forepart of a roaring lion facing right, its tongue protruding. Rev. Lycian legend ('Mithrapata'), bearded head of dynast facing left, triskeles below on right, all within an incuse square (Olçay & Mørkholm, '*The Coin Hoard from Podalia*', NC 1971, 36, pl. 2 (A1-P2); Boston supplement 230 (this obverse die); SNG von Aulock 4237). Toned, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 950

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 75, 31 March – 1 April 2004, lot 1827

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167 Lycian League, Kragos (late 1st Century BC), Silver Quarter Drachm, 0.92g, 12h. Struck c.48-27 BC. Head of Artemis facing right, wearing a stephane, a quiver behind. Rev. Λ-Y / K-P, quiver, a stag's head on left, all within an incuse square (RPC 3306; Troxell 124; cf SNG von Aulock 4306). Toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 80

168 Pamphylia, Aspendos (c.420-360 BC), Silver Drachm, 5.46g, 5h. Warrior (Mopsos) on horseback left, brandishing a spear. Rev. Boar standing left (SNG von Aulock 4493). A small area of soft-striking at centre, otherwise nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,200

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169 Pamphylia, Side (mid 1st Century BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.32g, 12h. Magistrate Kleuch-. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a Corinthian helmet. Rev. Nike advancing left, holding wreath, a pomegranate to left, KΛE–YX across field (SNG France 695; Seyrig, Side, 18). About extremely fine. $ 500

170 Cilicia, Kelenderis (c.425-400 BC), Silver Stater, 10.64g, 9h. Naked youth on horseback right, holding a whip and the rein, preparing to leap from the horse. Rev. KEΛE-N, goat kneeling right, its head turned back to face left, T in exergue (SNG Levante -; SNG France -; SNG von Aulock -; cf Gorny 185, 2010, lot 171). Broad flan, good very fine. $ 1,500

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171 Cilicia, Nagidos (c.400-380 BC), Silver Obol, 0.78g, 10h. Head of Aphrodite facing right, her hair in sphendone, N behind. Rev. Head of Dionysos facing right, wreathed (SNG France 15; SNG Levante -). Toned, pretty style and struck on good metal, about extremely fine. $ 100

172 Cilicia, Tarsos, Satrap Pharnabazos (379-374 BC), Silver Stater, 10.74g, 8h. Cilician legend ('BLTRZ' = Baaltars), Baal enthroned three-quarters to left, holding a sceptre surmounted by a lotus-flower. Rev. Cilician legend ('FRNBZW HLK' = Pharnabazos Cilicia), head of a bearded warrior facing left, wearing a crested Attic helmet (SNG Levante 72; SNG France 251). A little softly-struck on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine. $ 1,000

173 Cilicia, Uncertain Mint (4th Century BC), Silver Obol, 0.59g, 12h. Facing gorgoneion. Rev. head of Athena facing left, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet (SNG Levante 248-9; SNG France 477). A few light marks, lightly toned, about extremely fine. $ 100

Impressive Seleukos I 'Victory' Reverse Tetradrachm

174 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukos I Nikator (312-281 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.3g. Mint of Susa, c.303/2 BC. Head of hero right (assimilating Seleukos I, Alexander the Great and Dionysos), wearing helmet covered with panther skin and adorned with bull horns and ears. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Nike standing right, crowning trophy with wreath, monogram below each wing (Houghton & Lorber, SC 173.4; Kritt Tr.19 (A16/P11); ESM 426; HGC 9). Extremely fine. $ 11,000

Although Seleukos's trophy coinage from Susa was inaugurated c.305 BC, Kritt in The Early Seleucid Mint of Susa shows that this particular variety, ESM 426, along with ESM 424, was struck on a massive scale c.303/2 BC. These coins were struck on such a large scale to finance Seleukos's western campaign against Antigonos Monopthalmos and to provide defense of his eastern flank in Persis. The reverse commemorates Seleukos's victories in the Upper Satrapies and his subsequent assumption of the royal title c.305/4 BC.

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175 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos I (281-261 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.86g, 1h. Mint of Magnesia on the Maiandros. Head of Antiochos I facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, naked Herakles seated left on his lion skin, supporting his club which rests on ground, two monograms in exergue (Houghton & Lorber, SC 318c; HGC 9, 129 (R2); Newell, WSM 1456 var). Struck in high relief, good very fine. $ 1,500

176 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos I (281-261 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.01g, 6h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Tigris. Head of Antiochos I facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding an arrow and bow, AP monogram on left, ΔΩΡ monogram on right (Houghton & Lorber, SC 379.3d; HGC 9, 128g). In NGC holder graded choice extremely fine, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, struck in high relief, lightly toned. $ 1,500

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177 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos II (261-246 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 17.02g, 1h. Mint of Ephesos(?). Head of Antiochos II facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding a bow, a monogram on left; a star in exergue (partly off flan) (Houghton & Lorber, SC 543.4; HSC 9, 239 (R2); WSM 1488). Obverse somewhat softly struck, otherwise very fine. $ 1,000

The mint of this issue remains uncertain. In earlier literature, it was attributed to Magnesia on the Maeander, but Ephesus seems to be a better candidate. At any rate, this coin is a rare product from the westernmost part of the Seleucid Empire after Antiochus II recaptured Ionia from the Ptolemies.

178 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos Hierax (241-227 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.77g, 12h. Mint of Eastern Cilicia. Bust of Antiochos Hierax facing right, diademed and draped; border of dots. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo sitting left on omphalos, holding an arrow, his left hand resting on a bow, two monograms on right and in exergue (Houghton & Lorber, SC 914.1; HGC 9, 404 (R2). Very fine. *Rare draped bust type, exceptional on a Seleucid coin.* $ 1,500

179 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos IV Epiphanes (175-164 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.23g, 12h. Mint of Antioch, struck 166 BC. Head of Apollo facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ, Apollo, wearing a long peplos, standing facing right, holding a patera and a kithara (Houghton & Lorber, SC 1401; Newell, SMA 64; Houghton 110; Gulbenkian 1040). Well struck on a broad flan, of superb style and with a light iridescent tone, about extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 15,000

ex Abramowitz Family Collection, Superior, 8 December 1993, lot 304

This exceptionally beautiful coin is extremely rare, with approximately ten examples known to have survived from antiquity. It has been suggested that the figure of Apollo on the reverse might be a depiction of the cult statue of Apollo at Daphne, by the 4th Century sculptor Bryaxis.

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180 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos IV Epiphanes (175-164 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.43g, 10h. Mint of Seleucia on the Tigris. Head of Antiochos IV facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding an arrow and a bow, a monogram (off flan) in exergue (Houghton & Lorber, SC 1506.1; HGC 9, 615h (R2). Choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

ex Freeman & Sear, MB 11 (2004), lot 185

181 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos V (164-162 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.44g, 1h. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes. Head of the child king Antiochos V right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ – ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ / ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left, monogram in outer left field (Houghton & Lorber, SC 1575.2; HGC 9, 752). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 500

182 Kingdom of Syria, Demetrios I Soter (162-150 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.5g. Mint of Seleukeia on the Tigris, 161-150 BC. Diademed head of Demetrios I right, monogram behind. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟ[Σ], Tyche seated left on backless throne with winged Tritoness support, holding short sceptre and cornucopiae, palm branch and monogram in outer left field (cf Houghton & Lorber, SC 1690.3 (different monogram); HGC 9, 1797d). Fine high relief style, lightly toned and extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

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183 Kingdom of Syria, Demetrios II (first reign, 146-138 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.28g, 11h. Mint of Berytos, struck 146-145 BC. Bust of Demetrios II facing right, diademed and draped. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on a palm-branch, a monogram on left, date ΖΞΡ (dated SE 167 = 146/5 BC) above trident on right. (Houghton & Lorber, SC 1952; HGC 9, 968 (R2); SNG Spaer 1653). Light porosity, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

184 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos VII (138-129 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.84g, 12h. Mint of Tyre, struck 133/2 BC. Head of Antiochos VII facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ [ΑΝΤΙΟ]ΧΟΥ, eagle standing left on prow of galley, a palm-branch behind, monograms in field, Tyre monogram above a club on left, date ΠΡ (year 180) on right (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2109.8a; Newell, Tyre, 131; cf SNG Spaer 2076; DCA 198). Attractive light tone, nearly extremely fine. $ 400

ex Downie's Auction Sale 208, February 1987, lot 474
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 89, 25-28 November 2008, lot 3892

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185 Kingdom of Syria, Demetrios II (second reign, 129-125 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.08g, 12h. Mint of Tyre, struck 129/8 BC. Head of Demetrios II facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on a prow, a palm-branch behind, a monogram above a club on left, a monogram and date ΔΠΡ (year 184) on right, monogram between legs (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2195.2c; Newell, Tyre, 162). Extremely fine. $ 750

186 Kingdom of Syria, Demetrios II (second reign, 129-125 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.21g, 12h. Mint of Ake-Ptolemais, struck 127-126 BC. Bearded head of Demetrios II facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on thunderbolt, a monogram on left, date CΠΡ (dated SE 186 = 127/6 BC) on right (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2204.2; HGC 9, 1124 (R2); LSM 5). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,500

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187 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (sole reign, 121/0-97/6 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.3g. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes, 121/0-113 BC. Diademed head of Antiochos VIII right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙ–ΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Ouranios standing facing, head left, holding star and sceptre, IE above A to outer left, N to inner right, all within laurel wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2298.2e; HGC 9, 1197e). Mint state. $ 700

188 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (sole reign, 121/0-97/6 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.6g. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes, 121/0-113 BC. Diademed head of Antiochos VIII right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙ–ΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Ouranios standing facing, head left, holding star and sceptre, IE above A to outer left, A to inner right, all within laurel wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2298.2f; HGC 9, 1197e). A superb example, lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 1,000

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189 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (121-96 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.35g, 1h. Mint of Antioch. Head of Antiochos VIII facing right, diademed. Rev. [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] / ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ / ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus seated left, holding Nike and a sceptre, PE monogram above A on left, small O on right, a monogram below, all within a wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2309.3). Lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 300

190 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (121-96 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.31g, 12h. Mint of Ake-Ptolemais, struck 121-113 BC. Head of Antiochos VIII facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ /ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Ouranios standing left, crescent above, holding a star and a sceptre, a monogram on left, all within a wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2335.2; SNG Spaer 2590; LSM 32). A little light porosity towards edge, about extremely fine. $ 350

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191 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (121-96 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 10.52g, 12h. Mint of Askalon, struck 90-89 BC. Head of Antiochos VIII facing right, diademed. Rev. ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ, eagle standing left on a thunderbolt, a palm-branch over right wing, date below (year 14 = 90/89 BC), ΑΣ above a dove standing left above monogram on left (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2339.5; HGC 9, 1203 (R2). Die lamination on the reverse, porous, otherwise very fine. *Very rare.* $ 250

192 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos IX Philopator (113-95 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.26g, 12h. Uncertain mint in Cilicia or Northern Syria, struck c.114-112 BC. Head of Antiochos IX facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ / ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΡΟΣ, Athena standing left, holding Nike and a sceptre, a spear at her side, two monograms on left, all within a laurel-wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2361.2; Houghton, SNR 1993, p.102, pl. 3, 23 (this coin)). Attractively toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

This coin published by Houghton, SNR 1993, '*The Reign of Antiochus VIII and Antiochus IX at Antioch and Tarsus*', pl. 3, 23.
ex Schweizerische Kredotanstalt, Auction 7, 27-29 April 1987, lot 288
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 68, 21-23 November 2001, lot 1942

193 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos IX Philopator (116-95 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.46g, 12h. Mint of Antioch, struck 113/2 BC. Head of Antiochos IX facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ / ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Athena standing left, holding Nike and a sceptre, a shield at her side, two monograms on left, a small monogram on right, all within a laurel-wreath border (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2363a; SNG Spaer 3677). Good extremely fine. $ 2,000

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194 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos IX Philopator (114/3-95 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.7g. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes, c.113/2 BC. Diademed head of Antiochos IX facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΦΙΛΟ–ΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Athena standing left, holding Nike and resting hand on grounded shield, spear supported by arm, monogram above A to outer left, A to inner right, all within laurel wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2363a; HGC 9, 1228i). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,000

195 Kingdom of Syria, Antiochos IX Philopator (114/3-95 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.7g. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes, 113/2 BC. Diademed head of Antiochos IX facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΠ–ΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Athena standing left, holding Nike and spear, hand resting on grounded shield behind, monogram above A in outer left field, O in inner right field, all within laurel wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2363d; HGC 9, 1228i). Mint state. $ 1,000

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196 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukos VI (96-94 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.57g, 12h. Mint of Seleukeia on Kalykadnos. Head of Seleukos VI facing right, diademed, fillet border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Athena Nikephoros standing left, holding Nike in her right hand and resting her left on a shield, a spear behind, a flower on left, ΑΛΕ ΙΔΙΦ on inner left, all within a wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2405.10b; HGC 9, 1272; Houghton, Seleucia 110–1 (obv. die A31)). Well centred on a compact flan, lightly toned, good very fine or better, well centred on a thick compact flan. *A rare mint.* $ 750

197 Kingdom of Syria, Demetrios III (97-87 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.40g, 12h. Mint of Damaskos, struck 94-93 BC. Bearded head of Demetrios III facing right, diademed, fillet border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΟΕΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΗΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΕ, facing cult-statue of Atargatis, an ear of corn either side of head, monograms on left (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2451.6; HGC 9, 1305; LSM 127). Well-centred, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

198 Seleukis and Pieria, Laodikeia ad Mare (before 47 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.04g, 12h. Turreted bust of Tyche facing right, veiled. Rev. Zeus seated left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, monograms in field and exergue (SNG Copenhagen 318). Boldly struck in high relief, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1000

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199 Phoenicia, Arados, Uncertain King (c.380-350 BC), Silver Third Stater, 3.34g, 11h. Head of bearded deity facing right, laureate. Rev. War galley travelling right, waves below, Phoenician letters above (BMC 27ff; Betlyon 11). About extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 250

200 Phoenicia, Arados (2nd Century BC), Silver Drachm, 4.15g, 1h. Year 98 = 162/1 BC. Bee, date HY on left, monogram on right. Rev. ΑΡΑΔΙΩΝ, stage standing right, a palm-tree in background (BMC 155-6). Some light scratches on reverse, attractive iridescent tone, good very fine. $ 300

201 Phoenicia, Byblos, Uzzibaal (c.365-350 BC), Silver Dishekel, 13.14g, 12h. War galley left above waves, its prow ending in the head of a roaring lion, three hoplites stand to left on the deck, wearing crested helmets and holding round shields, a hippocamp swimming to left and a murex shell below, Phoenician 'z between waves and hippocamp. Rev. Lion attacking a bull left, Phoenician zb'l mlk gbl above (Betlyon 14 var; BMC 4 var; Dewing 2663). Some light porosity on obverse, lightly toned, good very fine. $ 750

ex Pegasi Auction 16, 8 May 2007, lot 178

Exceptionally Pleasing Silver Dishekel of Sidon

202 Phoenicia, Sidon, Baalshallim II (c.401-366 BC), Silver Dishekel, 27.7g. Phoenician galley left above waves, 'beth' above. Rev. King of Persia in chariot with driver drawn by two horses left, attendant standing left behind (Betlyon 18; Rouvier 1096; HGC 10, 236). Unusually well struck on a huge flan, choice very fine. $ 6,000

From the Prospero Collection and not included in the Legendary New York Sale of 2012

203 Phoenicia, Sidon, 'Abd'Astart I (?) (c.365-352 BC), Silver Attic Tetradrachm, 16.97g, 12h. Regnal year 8 = 358/357 BC. Phoenician letters ('bh), bearded bust of Satrap facing right, draped, wearing a diademed crown and an earring. Rev. War galley left, with oars and row of shields, date above (Betlyon, p.13, 32, Figure 1 = Meshorer, Coins of the Ancient World, 1975, pp. 49, 68-9 = Elayi & Elayi, Sidon, 1465 (D1/R1), pl.XLIII (this coin); BMC -; SNG ANS -; Jameson -; McClean -; Weber -; Hunterian -; Pozzi -; Traite -; SNG Copenhagen -; DCA -). Dark brown patination and some light erosion towards periphery, very fine. *An extremely intriguing issue, and of the highest rarity, apparently the only recorded example and worthy of further research.* $ 5,000

This fascinating issue appears to have been struck in the year that Sidon revolted against Persian control. Betlyon attributes the portrait on the obverse to 'Abd'Astart I.

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204 Phoenicia, Tyre (102/101 BC), Silver Shekel, 14.26g, 12h. Head of Melqart facing right, laureate, wearing an aegis. Rev. ΚΑΙ ΑΣΥΛΟΥ ΤΥΡΟΥ ΙΕΡΑΣ, eagle standing left on a prow, a palm-branch across its shoulder, EK above a club on left, ΔK on right, a Phoenician letter between legs (BMC 110). Toned, extremely fine. $ 750

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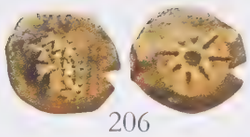

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205 Phoenicia, Tyre (126/5 BC - AD 65), Silver Shekel, 14.4g. Year 50 = 77/6 BC. Head of Melqart facing right, laureate, wearing an aegis. Rev. ΚΑΙ ΑΣΥΛΟΥ ΤΥΡΟΥ ΙΕΡΑΣ, eagle standing left on prow, palm on far wing; in left field, date (L N) and club, A in right field, 'beth' between legs (DCA Suppl. 125; BMC 142). Fully lustrous, superb mint state. $ 2,000

206 Judaea, Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 BC), Æ Prutah, 1.90g. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, anchor. Rev. Hebrew legend between the rays of a star (AJC, Ca 1; SNG ANS 55). Dark green patina, very fine. $ 50

207 Judaea, The Jewish War (AD 66-70), Silver Shekel, 13.52g, 11h. Year 1 = AD 66/67. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Shekel of Israel'), ritual chalice, a pellet on either side, date above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Jerusalem the Holy'), staff with three pomegranates (AJC 3; Hendin 1354; TJC 187). Well-struck, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 8,000

208 Judaea, The Jewish War (AD 66-70), Silver Shekel, 13.92g, 11h. Year 1 = AD 66/67. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Shekel of Israel'), ritual chalice, a pellet on either side, date above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Jerusalem the Holy'), staff with three pomegranates (AJC 3; Hendin 1354; TJC 187). Attractively toned, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 6,000

209 Judaea, The Jewish War (AD 66-70), Silver Half Shekel, 6.91g, 11h. Year 1 = AD 66-67, Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Half a Shekel'), ritual chalice, date above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Jerusalem the Holy'), staff with three pomegranates (AJC 5; SNG ANS 420). Slightly off centre, toned, almost extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,800

ex F. Sternberg AG, Zürich sale XXVII (1994), lot 220

222 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Sela, 12.93g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), façade of the Temple of Jerusalem, showbread table(?) contained within, a star above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), lulav, etrog on left (AJC 51; Mildenberg 74 (O11/R57); Hendin 1411; TJC 267). Light traces of overstriking, about extremely fine. $ 3,000

223 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Sela, 14.28g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), façade of the Temple of Jerusalem, showbread table(?) contained within, a star above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), lulav, etrog on left (AJC 51; Mildenberg 55 (O13/R41); Hendin 1411; TJC 267). Traces of overstriking, toned, good very fine. $ 3,000

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224 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 3.24g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon') within a wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, a medallion at top, tendrils below. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), palm-branch (AJC 62b; Mildenberg 66 (O14/R38); Hendin 1416; TJC 279c). Lightly toned, good very fine. $ 650

225 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 3.02g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon') within a wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, a medallion at top, tendrils below. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), fluted jug, handle on left, a willow-branch on right (AJC 66b; Mildenberg 73 (O14/R45); Hendin 1418; TJC 283b). Light traces of overstriking, nearly extremely fine. $ 800

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226 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 3.21g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon') within a wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, a medallion at top, tendrils below. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), fluted jug, handle on left, a willow-branch on right (AJC 66b; Mildenberg 83 (O14/R53'); Hendin 1418; TJC 283b). Traces of overstriking, with the inscription 'DOMITIAN' clearly visible, light iridescent toning, about extremely fine. $ 800

227 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 2.57g, 1h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon') within a wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, a medallion at top, tendrils below, pairs of dots inside and outside each section. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), palm-branch (AJC 62a; Mildenberg 103 (O16/R71); Hendin 1420; TJC 279a). Light iridescent toning, extremely fine. $ 850

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228 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 2.96g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon') within a wreath of thin branches wrapped around eight almonds, a medallion at top, tendrils below, pairs of dots inside and outside each section. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), elongated kithara, with three strings (AJC 55c; Mildenberg 130 (O19/R67); Hendin 1429; TJC 272c). Extremely fine. $ 800

229 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 3.31g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), bunch of grapes in three lobes hanging from a branch. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), two trumpets upright (AJC 60; Mildenberg 152 (O11/R85); Hendin 1431; TJC 277). Traces of overstriking, light iridescent toning, about extremely fine. $ 800

230 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 3.27g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), bunch of grapes in three lobes hanging from a branch. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), two trumpets upright (AJC 60; Mildenberg 187 (O22/R121); Hendin 1431; TJC 277). About extremely fine. $ 800

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231 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Silver Zuz, 3.28g, 6h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), bunch of grapes in three lobes hanging from a branch. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), elongated kithara, with three strings (AJC 57a; Mildenberg 172 (O22/R97); Hendin 1435; TJC 274). Extremely fine. $ 850

232 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Æ small bronze, 5.30g, 6h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Jerusalem'), seven-branched palm-tree, with two bunches of dates. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), bunch of grapes, with a branch and a small leaf (AJC 80; Mildenberg 156 (O4/R6); Hendin 1439; TJC 301). Dark green patina with earthen deposits, extremely fine. $ 750

233 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Æ small bronze, 5.71g, 6h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), seven-branched palm-tree, with two bunches of dates. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), bunch of grapes, with a branch and a small leaf (AJC 81a; Mildenberg 159 (O4/R9); Hendin 1440; TJC 302b). Dark green patina with earthen deposits, extremely fine. $ 750

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234 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Æ small bronze, 5.58g, 6h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), seven-branched palm-tree, with two bunches of dates. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), bunch of grapes, with a branch and a small leaf (AJC 81a; Mildenberg 160 (O4/R10); Hendin 1440; TJC 302b). Dark green patina, extremely fine. $ 800

235 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135), Æ small bronze, 5.08g, 6h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), seven-branched palm-tree, with two bunches of dates. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), bunch of grapes, with a branch and a small leaf (AJC 81a; Mildenberg 158 (O4/R8); Hendin 1440; TJC 302b). Dark green patina, with earthen deposits, extremely fine. $ 800

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236 Philisto-Arabian, Gaza (c.400-333 BC), Silver Drachm, 2.89g, 3h. Male head facing right, with pointed beard. Rev. forepart of a horse right; with a dotted border within and incuse square (SNG ANS 33; Hendin 1012; BMC 14). Some light porosity, toned, good very fine, a good example. $ 5,000

237 Kingdom of Parthia, Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.24g, 12h. Mint of Seleukia on the Tigris. Bearded bust facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, naked Herakles standing left, holding a wine-cup and club, a lion skin draped over his left arm, a monogram in exergue (S 13.2; Sunrise 260). Some light porosity, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,200

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238 Kingdom of Parthia, Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.17g, 12h. Mint of Seleukia on the Tigris. Bearded bust facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ, male deity enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand and a cornucopiae in left, a monogram in exergue (S 17.1 var; cf Sunrise 268). Good very fine / very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,500

239 Kingdom of Parthia, Bagasis (126 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.93g, 1h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Tigris. Dated March-October 126 BC. Bust facing right, diademed; fillet border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, Demeter enthroned left, holding Nike and a cornucopiae, nereid supporting throne (Sellwood 18.1; Le Rider, Suse pl. LXXI 1-2). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

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240 Kingdom of Parthia, Artabanos III (126-122 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.95g, 12h. Mint of Seleukia on the Tigris. Bearded bust facing right, diademed, wearing a spiral torque. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, Demeter enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand and a cornucopiae in left, nereid supporting the throne, two monograms in exergue (S 21.4; Sunrise 275). Very light porosity, good very fine. $ 600

241 Kingdom of Parthia, Mithradates II (c.123-88 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.7g. Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed and draped bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕ–ΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑ–ΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, TV in exergue (cf Sellwood 24.4 (palm to outer right on reverse); cf Shore 67 (same); cf NAP 284 (same)). Wonderful detailed high relief portrait, extremely fine. $ 1,500

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242 Kingdom of Parthia, Mithradates II (123-88 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.04g, 12h. Mint of Rhagai. Bust facing left, diademed and draped. Rev. archer seated right, holding a bow (Sellwood 27.1; Shore 85). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 100

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243 Kingdom of Parthia, Artabanos II (78-61 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.91g, 1h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Tigris. Bust facing left, diademed and draped, wearing torque ending in pellet; all within pelleted border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑ ΛΟΥ/ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΡΟΣ/ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ/ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, Archer (Arsakes I) seated right on throne, holding a bow, monogram K in a circle above bow (Sellwood 30.2 (Unknown King); Shore 130 var (Orodes I); BMC Parthia p.38, 3.). Well centred on a large flan, nearly extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

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244 Kingdom of Parthia, Orodes II (57-38 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 11.23g, 12h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Tigris. Short-bearded bust facing left, diademed and draped, kandys decorated with eagle and B, griffin-ended torque, wart visible on forehead, circular border of pellets. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, male figure, wearing a diadem, seated left on facing throne, holding Nike, standing right presenting wreath, in right hand, and a sceptre in left, a monogram below throne, ΔΑΙ in exergue (Sellwood 48.4; Allotte de la Fuye, '*Monnaies Arsacides Surfrappees*', Revue Numismatique, 4th series, 8th vol., (1904), 174-196, and Pl. VI, 1). Well struck, nearly extremely fine. *Extremely rare, apparently only the second known example.* $ 1,500

245 Kingdom of Parthia, Phraataces and Musa (joint reign, AD 1-4), Billon Tetradrachm, 12.52g, 12h. Mint of Seleukia on the Tigris, dated AD 1. ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ (only partially visible), bust facing left, diademed, with long and tapering bead, wart on brow, short hair, ear and earring visible, wearing spiral torque, flying Nike in front, year date ΒΙΤ (312 SEM) set in diadem ends. Rev. ΘΕΑC Ο[ΥΡΑΝΙΑC ΜΟΥCΗC] ΒΑCΙΛΙCΗC, queen's bust in tiara with double loop facing right, flying Nike in front, abbreviated month name ΔΑΙ set in diadem ends (S 58.1 var; Sunrise 403 var). Very well struck, attractive cabinet tone, extremely fine. *An exceptional example of this very rare issue.* $ 5,000

246 Kingdom of Parthia, Pacorus (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.74g, 12h. Mint of Ecbatana. Bust facing left, diademed. Rev. Archer seated right, holding a bow, AT monogram and pellet below (Sellwood 78.4, Vologases III). Light iridescent toning, extremely fine. $ 100

Stylish Sasanian Shapur I Gold Dinar

247 Sasanian Kingdom, Shapur I (AD 240-272), Gold Dinar, 7.4g. Mint I ('Ctesiphon'). Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos, three pellets below diadem tie. Rev. Fire flanked by two attendants, symbol on altar (SNS type Iic/1a, style A, pl. 23, 35 (but lacking symbol on altar); Göbl type I/1; cf NAP 739-40). Extremely fine. $ 8,000

Rare Gold Dinar of Varhran II

248 Sasanian Kingdom, Varhran II (AD 276-293), Gold Dinar, 7.3g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire flanked by two attendants, pellet below altar (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; NAP 765 (same dies)). Extremely fine. $ 12,500

249 Sasanian Kingdom, Varhran II (AD 276-293), Silver Drachm, 4.38g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, facing bust of prince 3 left, wearing kolah with boar's head. Rev. Fire altar flanked by two attendants, flanking flames, fravahr and crescent (SNS type III(1)/1(1a), style A, pl. 15, 7 (this obverse die, but no crescent); Göbl type I/1a; NAP -). Attractively toned, superb extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

250 Sasanian Kingdom, Peroz I (AD 457/9-484), Gold Dinar, 4.0g. ART (Ardashirkvarrah). Bust of Peroz I right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, flanking flames, star and crescent (SNS type Iiib/1c; Göbl type III/1; NAP 937). Well struck on a full flan, some light marks about the rims, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

251 Sasanian Kingdom, Khusru II (AD 591-628), Silver Drachm, 4.0g. Uncertain mint. Facing bust of Khusru II, wearing winged mural crown with star-in-crescent, ribbons on shoulders, monogram to upper left, star-in-crescents flanking. Rev. Facing bust of Anahita with flaming nimbus, four star-in-crescents at the cardinal points between single outer border and double inner border (Göbl type IV/5; NAP 988). Some areas of dark deposit, extremely fine. $ 5,000

The goddess Anahita, along with Ahura-Mazda and Mithra, formed the great Zoroastrian triad, and was originally worshipped as a goddess of healing and fertility, but later worshipped as a martial divinity. Khusru II, who was tolerant of the worship of other religions and whose wife was a follower of Christianity, was particularly devoted to the goddess. Notwithstanding the Sasanian iconoclastic movement that had developed by the reign of Varhran I, images of deities still appeared in association with the Sasanian rulers: the investiture scene of Khusru II engraved at Taq-e Bostan, large rock reliefs in the Zagros Mountains of western Iran, where one of the figures is thought to be Anahita, as well as the occasional appearance on Sasanian coins, such as on this extremely rare and beautiful Drachm.

A Group of Exceptionally Well-Preserved Dated Silver Tetradrachms from the Kingdom of Elymais

252 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires III, with Anzaze (c.82-72 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.8g. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon, SE 233 (80/79 BC)(?). Jugate draped busts of Kamnaskires III, diademed, and his queen, Anzaze, wearing stephane, left, anchor mintmark behind busts. Rev. ΙΛCΙΛΕΩΙ ΚΑΜΝΑCΚΙΡΟ[Υ]ΚΛΙ ΙΛCΙΛΙCCΗ[C ΛΝΖΛΖΗC, Belos seated left, holding Nike and sceptre, CΑΚΕΔΩΝ in inner left field in small letters, date ([ΓΛ]Σ)(?) in exergue (cf Haaff 7.1.2; cf Alram 454-5). Delicately toned, lustrous mint state, reverse double struck from worn dies but both portraits are outstanding. *Rare.* $ 3,500

253 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires III (82-72 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.37g, 12h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon. Dated SE 235 (78/7 BC). Jugate and draped busts of Kamnaskires III, diademed and wearing long beard and torque, and Anzaze, wearing stephane and necklace, facing left, anchor symbol behind. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΚΑΜΝΑΙΚΙΡΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΗΣ ΑΝΖΑΖΗΙ, Zeus enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand and a sceptre in left, date ΕΛΣ in exergue (Alram 454; BMC 1 var; Le Rider, Suse, pl. 72, var 11). Good extremely fine, perfectly centred on a large flan. *Very rare, especially dated and in such high grade.* $ 4,000

254 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires III, with Anzaze (c.82-72 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.7g. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon, SE 247(?). Jugate draped busts of Kamnaskires III, diademed, and his queen, Anzaze, left, wearing stephane, countermark of Nike standing left, holding wreath and palm within rectangular incuse over anchor mintmark. Rev. ΙΛCΙΛΕΩ[ΙΚΑ]ΜΝΑCΚ[ΙΡΟΥ] ΚΛΙ ΙΛCΙΛΙCCHC ΛΝΖΛΖΗ[C], Belos seated left, holding Nike and sceptre, date (ΖΜΣ)(?) in exergue (cf Haaff 7.1; Alram 454; cf NAP 470). Toned, struck on an uneven flan, extremely fine. $ 1,750

The date, SE 247, if correctly read on this coin creates a bit of a quandary. The latest dated coin of Kamnaskires III so far known is dated SE 239 (74/3 BC), a full eight years before the date on this coin. The coin dated SE 239 lacks a mintmark on the obverse, which Haaff took to suggest the possibility that it was struck at a traveling court mint after the Parthians had taken Seleukeia on the Hedyphon in 77 BC. Haaff further concludes "[what] is certain is that Kamnaskires III's reign must have ended shortly thereafter, as no further dated issues, which had comprised practically all his coinage, are known" (P. A. van't Haaff, *Catalogue of Elymaean Coinage*, p.16). The coins of the succeeding king, Kamnaskires IV, only begin in SE 251 or 254 (62/1 or 59/8 BC), and there is no explanation for the interlude between the two reigns. Although the reading of the date on this coin is not certain, taken at face value it suggests that the reign of Kamnaskires III extended until at least 66/5 BC, but if so then it presents the further problem in that it has the mintmark of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon (over which the Nike counterstamp has been applied), which probably was still under Parthian control in SE 247. The one thing this anomalous coin shows for certain is that our understanding of Elymaian coinage is far from complete, and that while Haaff and others have made great strides recently in filling in the gaps of our knowledge, there is still much to learn.

255 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires IV (c.63-53 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.6g. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon, SE 250 (63/2 BC). Diademed and draped bust of Kamnaskires IV left, countermark of Nike standing left, holding wreath and palm within rectangular incuse over anchor mintmark. Rev. ΙΛCΙΛΕΩ[C ΚΑΜΝΑCΚΙΡΟΥ]ΤΟΥ ΕΓ ΙΙΛCΙΛΕ ΚΑΜΝΑC[ΚΙΡΟΥ], Belos seated left, holding Nike and sceptre, PK monogram in inner left field, date (N[Σ]) in exergue (cf Haaff 8.1.1B; Alram -; cf NAP 474). Struck on an uneven flan, toned, extremely fine. $ 1,250

256 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires IV (c.63-53 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.68g, 12h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon. Dated SE 254 (59/8 BC). Bust of Kamnaskires IV facing left, diademed, countermark of Nike standing left. Rev. ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΚΑΜΝΑCΚΙΡΟΥ ΚΑΜΝΑCΚΙΡΟΥ ΤΟΥΕΓ ΒΑCΙΛΕΙC, Zeus enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand and sceptre in left, monogram K above knee, date ΔΝΣ in exergue (Alram 458). Good extremely fine. *Very rare, especially dated.* $ 4,000

257 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires IV (c.63-53 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.32g, 12h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon. Dated SE 255 (58/7 BC). Bust of Kamnaskires IV facing left, diademed and draped, countermark of Nike standing left within rectangular incuse (over Seleukid anchor mintmark). Rev. ΙΑCΙΛΕΩC ΚΑΜΝΑCΚΙΡΟΥ ΤΟΥ Ε ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΚΑΜΝΑCΚΙΡΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left, holding Nike and sceptre, PK monogram in inner left field, date ΕΝΣ in exergue (van't Haaff type 8.1, subtype 1-1B; cf Alram 458; cf DCA 520). A little double-struck on reverse, otherwise with full types and in an unusually high state of preservation, attractive blue-purple tone. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

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258 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires V (53-32 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.14g, 12h. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon. Dated SE 269 (44/3 BC). Bust of Kamnaskires V facing left, diademed, a star above anchor symbol behind, dotted border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΚΑΜΝΑΣΚΙΡΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΣ ΚΑΜΝΑΙΣ, diademed bust left, date ΣΕΘ in exergue (Alram 463; BMC 248. 4). Choice extremely fine on a large flan, exceptional in this quality. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

259 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires V (c.54/3-33/2 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 11.2g. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon, SE 271 (42/1 BC)(?). Diademed and draped bust of Kamnaskires V, star and anchor mintmark behind bust. Rev. ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC [Κ]ΑΜΝΑΙΚΙΡΟΥΤΟΥ ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΚΑΜΝΑΙΚΙ[ΡΟΥ], diademed and draped bust of Herakles(?) left, monogram below chin, date (ΣΟΑ)(?) in exergue (cf Haaff 9.1.2-3 (Drachm); cf Alram 463). Delicately toned, mint state, the finest example from a small hoard uncovered a few years ago. $ 4,000

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260 Kingdom of Elymais, Kamnaskires V (c.54/3-33/2 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 11.2g. Mint of Seleukeia on the Hedyphon, SE 272 (41/0 BC)(?). Diademed and draped bust of Kamnaskires V facing left, star and anchor mintmark behind bust. Rev. [Β]ΑCΙΛΕΩ[C Κ]ΑΜΝΑΙΚΙΡΟΥΤΟΥ ΕΓ ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΚΑΜΝΑΙΚΙΡΟΥ, diademed and draped bust of Herakles(?) left, monogram below chin, date ΣΟΒ(?) in exergue (cf Haaff 9.1; cf Alram 463; cf NAP 479-80). Extremely fine. $ 4,000

261 Kingdom of Characene, Attambelos I (48-24 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 11.20g, 12h. Mint of Charax-Spasinu. Dated SE 269 (44/3 BC). Head of Attambelos I facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΤΤΑΜΒΗΛΟ[Υ] / ΣΛΤΗΡΟ[Σ] [ΚΑΝ]ΥΕΡΓΕ[ΤΟΥ], Herakles seated left on a rock, holding club, monogram above right arm, date in exergue (cf Nicolet-Pierre, Thionesis p.49; BMC Arabia p.291,1). Toned, choice very fine. $ 500

Unusually Choice Silver Tetradrachm of King Bagadat

262 Kingdom of Persis, Bagadat (Bayadad) (early to mid 3rd Century BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.5g. Head of Bagadat facing right, sporting short beard and moustache, wearing kyrbasia with tied flaps. Rev. Bagadat standing right, raising arms in worship at fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, standard to right (Alram 515; cf NAP 560). High relief with full legends, cleaned at one time, now attractively toned, extremely fine and among the finest examples known. $ 12,000

263 Kingdom of Baktria, Diodotos I and II (c.255-235 BC), Gold Stater, 8.25g, 6h. In the name of Antiochos II, from the first Diodotid mint in eastern Baktria, struck c.255-250 BC. Head of Diodotos facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Zeus, viewed half from behind, with an aegis draped over his left arm, advancing left, brandishing a thunderbolt, an eagle standing left with raised wings in inner left field N above eagle (Houghton & Lorber, SC 629.1; SNG ANS -; Bopearachchi -. cf Holt, series A, group 7 (Tetradrachm)). Well struck and of attractive style, residual lustre, good extremely fine, an excellent example. $ 6,000

264 Kingdom of Baktria, Diodotos I and II (c.255-235 BC), Gold Stater, 8.32g, 6h. In the name of Antiochos II, from the first Diodotid mint in eastern Baktria, struck c.255-250 BC. Diademed head of Diodotos facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΟΧ[ΟΥ], Zeus, viewed half from behind, with and aegis draped over his left arm, advancing left, brandishing a thunderbolt, a wreath above an eagle standing left with raised wings in inner left field (Houghton & Lorber, SC 629.2; SNG ANS 75). Light scratches on the reverse, good very fine. $ 5,000

265 Kingdom of Baktria, Diodotos I and II (c.255-235 BC), Gold Stater, 8.31g, 6h. In the name of Antiochos II, from the first Diodotid mint in eastern Baktria, struck c.255-250 BC. Head of Diodotos facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΟΧ[ΟΥ], Zeus, viewed half from behind, with an aegis draped over his left arm, advancing left, brandishing a thunderbolt, a wreath above an eagle standing left with raised wings in inner left field (Houghton & Lorber, SC 629.2; SNG ANS 75). Broad flan, residual lustre, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 5,000

266 Kingdom of Baktria, Diodotos I and II (c.250-230 BC), Gold Stater, 8.33g, 6h. In the name of Diodotos. Head facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΔΙΟΔΟΤΟΥ, Zeus striding left, hurling a thunderbolt, aegis draped over his extended left arm, an eagle with a wreath above on left (SNG ANS 82-86; Mithchiner 41, type 70b; Bopearachchi 149, 5 A). Some light marks on obverse, otherwise nearly extremely fine. *A good example of this very rare issue.* $ 9,000

267 Kingdom of Baktria, Demetrios I (c.200-185 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.7g. Diademed and draped bust of Demetrios I right, wearing elephant skin headdress. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, Herakles, nude, standing facing, crowning himself with wreath, holding club and lion skin, monogram in inner left field (Bopearachchi 1F; SNG ANS 190). Excellent metal and struck on a nice broad flan, extremely fine. $ 3,500

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268 Kingdom of Baktria, Demetrios I (c.200-185 BC), Æ, 21.3. Round shield with central gorgoneion. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, trident, monogram in inner left field (Bopearachchi 6A; SNG ANS 213-5). Uniform dark brown patina, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,200

269 Kingdom of Baktria, Antimachos I (c.180-170 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.88g, 12h. Bust facing right, diademed and draped, wearing a kausia. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΑΝΤΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Poseidon, laureate, standing facing, holding a trident and a filleted palm, a monogram on right (Bopearachchi 1A; SNG ANS 274-5). A small metal-flaw towards edge, extremely fine. $ 1,400

270 Kingdom of Baktria, Antimachos I (c.180-170 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.86g, 12h. Bust facing right, diademed and draped, wearing a kausia, dotted border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΘΕΟΥ ΑΝΤΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Neptune standing facing, holding a trident and palm-branch, a monogram in lower right field (Mitchiner 124f var; Bopearachchi série 1A var). Well struck on good metal, about extremely fine. $ 2,500

271 Kingdom of Baktria, Eukratides I (171-145 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.88g, 11h. Bust facing right, diademed and draped, all within bead-and-reel border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΕΥΚΡΑΤΙΔΟΥ, the Dioskouroi, holding palm fronds and spears, on horses rearing right, a monogram in lower right field (Bopearachchi Série 1B; SNG ANS 431). Struck in high relief on a broad flan, extremely fine. $ 2,500

Superb Mint State Tetradrachm of Eukratides I

272 Kingdom of Baktria, Eukratides I (c.171-145 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.9g. Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Eukratides I right, wearing crested helmet adorned with bull horn and ear. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΕΥΚΡΑΤΙΔΟΥ, the Dioskouroi, each holding palm branch and couched lance, on horses rearing right, monogram in lower right field (Bopearachchi 6E; SNG ANS 465). Fully lustrous, superb mint state. $ 4,000

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273 Kingdom of Baktria, Eukratides I (c.171-135 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.95g, 12h. Bust facing right, diademed and wearing a crested helmet decorated with a bull horn and ear. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ / ΕΥΚΡΑΤΙΔΟΥ, the Dioscuri prancing right, holding palms and spears, monogram on right (SNG ANS 465; Bopearachchi, 6 E). Extremely fine. $ 1,000

274 Kingdom of Baktria, Eukratides I (c.171-145 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.42g, 12h. Heroic bust facing left, seen from behind, diademed and wearing a crested helmet, and brandishing a spear. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ / ΕΥΚΡΑΤΙΔΟΥ, Dioscuri prancing right, holding palms and spears, monogram on right (SNG ANS 485; Bopearachchi 8 B). Light porosity, very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,500

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275 Kingdom of Baktria, Menander I (c.165/55-130 BC), Æ, 43.5g. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ ΜΕΝΑΝΔΡΟΥ, draped bust of Athena right, wearing crested helmet. Rev. Horse rearing right, monogram below to right (Bopearachchi 24A; SNG ANS 912-3). The largest bronze denomination, struck on a thick flan, brown patina with golden highlights, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,500

276 Kingdom of Baktria, Archebios (c.90-80 BC), Æ, 9.0g. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΙΚΑΟΥ ΝΙΚΕΦΟΡΟΥ ΑΡΧΕΒΙΟΥ, Nike advancing left, holding wreath and palm. Rev. Owl standing right, head facing, monogram in right field (Bopearachchi 11A; SNG ANS -). Glossy reddish-brown patina, superb extremely fine. $ 1,000

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277 Kingdom of Baktria, Archebios (c.90-80 BC), Æ, 9.5g. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΙΚΑΟΥ ΝΙΚΕΦΟΡΟΥ ΑΡΧΕΒΙΟΥ, elephant walking right. Rev. Owl standing right, head facing, monogram below (Bopearachchi 12B; SNG ANS 1307-13). Pleasing brown patina, extremely fine. $ 800

278 Kingdom of Egypt, Ptolemy I (305-282 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.31g, 1h. Mint of Alexandria. Struck c.300-285 BC. Head facing right, diademed, wearing aegis around neck, small Δ behind ear. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on thunderbolt, P above monogram on left (Svoronos 255; SNG Copenhagen 71 (this obverse die); Noeske 41-2). Minor die wear in obverse, nearly extremely fine, toned. $ 1,000

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from the RAJ Collection, purchased in 1999 from F. Shore

279 Kingdom of Egypt, Ptolemy III Euergetes (246-222 BC), Gold Oktodrachm, 27.76g, 12h. Mint of Alexandria, struck under Ptolemy IV Philopater, 221-205 BC. Bust of Ptolemy III facing right, wearing a radiate diadem and an aegis, a trident over his shoulder, dotted border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, radiate cornucopiae bound with fillet, ΔΙ in field, dotted border (Svoronos 1117; SNG Copenhagen 196). Some light die-rust, as usual for this issue, but otherwise an exceptional example, residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 14,000

280 Kingdom of Egypt, Ptolemy IV Philopator (221-205 BC), Æ 38mm, 46.99g, 11h. Mint of Alexandria. Head of Zeus Ammon facing right, diademed. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on a thunderbolt, its wings open and head turned right, monogram between legs (Svoronos 1148; SNG Copenhagen 207). Slight evidence of double-striking, brown tone, nearly extremely fine and attractive. $ 300

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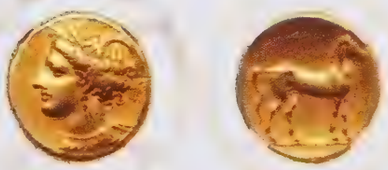
281 Kingdom of Egypt, Ptolemy VI Philometor (180-170 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.37g, 12h. Uncertain Cypriot or Phoenician mint, struck 173/2 BC. Head of Ptolemy I facing right, diademed and wearing an aegis. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on a thunderbolt, retrograde P (Year 90) on left (Svoronos 1112 and 1205; SNG Copenhagen 547). Extremely fine. $ 750

282 Zeugitana, Carthage (c.350-320 BC), Gold Stater, 8.11g, 7h. Wreathed head of Tanit facing left, wearing a triple-pendant earring and a necklace. Rev. horse standing right on exergual line, three small pellets before (Jenkins & Lewis, group IIIc, 21 (this obverse die), 20 (this reverse die)). A small metal-flaw on reverse, good very fine. $ 3,000

283 Zeugitana, Carthage (c.310-270 BC), Electrum Stater, 7.29g, 12h. Wreathed head of Tanit facing left, wearing a triple-pendant earring and a necklace. Rev. horse standing right on exergual line (Jenkins & Lewis, Group VI, 332). Beautiful old iridescent toning, about extremely fine. $ 4,500



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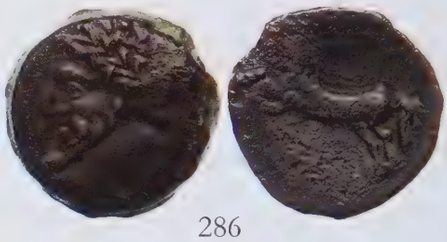

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284 Zeugitana, Carthage (c.290-270 BC), Electrum Stater, 7.31g. Wreathed head of Tanit facing left, wearing a necklace and triple pendant earring. Rev. Horse standing right on single groundline (Jenkins & Lewis, Group VI, uncertain dies; MAA 13). In NGC holder graded choice very fine, strike 4/5, surface 2/5, faint hairline crack at 3 o'clock, light smoothing. $ 1,500

285 Zeugitana, Carthage (c.264-241 BC), Silver Shekel, 8.0g. First Punic War issue, c.264-256 BC. Wreathed head of Tanit facing left, wearing single-pendant earring and necklace. Rev. Horse standing right, head turned to look back, palm tree in background (Visonà 17; MAA 36; SNG Copenhagen 141). Lightly cleaned and toned, extremely fine. $ 2,500

286 Kingdom of Numidia, Massinissa and Successors (c.208-148 BC), Æ 27mm, 18.31g, 12h. Bearded head facing left, laureate. Rev. horse galloping left (SNG Copenhagen 504ff). Dark brown patina, nearly very fine. $ 250

THE DAVID SELLWOOD COLLECTION OF PARTHIAN COINS
(PART TWO)

David Grenville John Sellwood was born in Brentford, West London, in 1925. He became interested in coins as a young child, when he was given a box containing some Roman and other coins by his grandfather and began collecting coins as a teenager during World War II, when his family moved from London to Wales, from where his mother's family came. Always intrepid in the pursuit of his enthusiasms, he cycled from Welshpool to visit a coin dealer in Shrewsbury, a round trip of forty miles.

By the 1950s, his collecting had become more serious. He loved British history and collected coins of all periods, but he was also fascinated by the coinage of the Ancient World. A pragmatist, he began collecting Parthian coins because the series was less well-known than the Greek and Roman series, and therefore more affordable.

The Parthian issues fired his curiosity and inspired him to explore this field, culminating in his landmark publication *An Introduction to The Coinage of Parthia* in 1971, with a revised edition published in 1980. His insightful and incisive approach to the coinage of Parthia was both pioneering and ground-breaking. To his contemporaries, David Sellwood was the leading Parthian numismatist, and his collection represents a lifetime of critical research in the subject to the highest academic standards. He also co-authored, with P. Whitting and R. Williams, *An Introduction to Sasanian Coins* in 1985.

David's approach to coins united, in a way, the two aspects of his intellectual character: on the one hand the historian and linguist and, on the other, the scientist. During his National Service, he served in the Royal Engineers in India, Malaya, Singapore, and Japan, rising to the rank of Captain. He later took a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Birmingham University, and went on to lecture in the same subject at Kingston Polytechnic (now University), gaining an MSc in Metallurgy, and finally retiring as Principal Lecturer in 1995. This institution provided the venue for his initial experiments in ancient mint technology. He made and engraved dies, cast blanks and struck his own series in order to test ancient technology and better understand what he was observing in Parthian coins. Re-establishing the technology and metallurgy of antiquity, he struck coins to the extinction of the dies, so defining the quantitative limits of ancient coin production per die. He thus transformed a subject hitherto based on art historical studies into one in which serious economic questions could be addressed. His ground-breaking approach underpinned his collecting, which he continued to pursue until the last years of his life.

David participated actively in numismatics and was President of the Royal Numismatic Society from 1979 until 1984, and an Honorary Fellow from 2004. He was also, for many years, an enthusiastic member of the British Numismatic Society. David Sellwood passed away on 7 April 2012.

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287 Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.12g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and bearded bust right, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Naked Heracles standing left, wine-cup and club in right and left hands respectively, lion skin over left arm, monogram in field left, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, date ΓΟΡ (173 SEM = 140/139 BC) in exergue (S 13.3; Sunrise 261). About very fine, porous surfaces. *Rare.* $ 1,500

ex Dr. Busso Peus Nachf., Auction 378, 28 April 2004, lot 306

Supported by the extant classical literary sources, contemporary Babylonian cuneiform documents attest that Parthian forces annexed Mesopotamia in the summer of 141 BC. Soon afterwards and in order to celebrate the occasion, the royal mint at Seleucia on the Tigris reverted to issuing coins for the victorious Arsacid monarch, Mithradates I, who might have visited the newly conquered territories and tarried in Babylon during autumn - winter of that same year. The first Arsacid issue from Seleucia, the S 13.1-2 Tetradrachms and S 13.6 Drachms, are undated while the subsequent outputs, the S 13.3-5 Tetradrachms and S 13.8-10 Drachms, carry Seleucid Era dates 173 and 174 SEM, corresponding respectively to 140/139 BC and 139/138 BC. Moreover, the Tetradrachms carry the additional epithet ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ "Philhellene, Lover of Greeks". This was, as Sellwood related, "a somewhat transparent attempt to placate the Greek commercial element in the newly conquered lands". See also the commentary under lot 339.

288 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.10g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and lightly bearded bust right, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Male deity enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand, cornucopia in left hand, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ, two monograms in exergue (S 17.1 var, exergual monograms reversed; Sunrise 267). About very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,200

To recover Mesopotamia and the former Seleucid satrapies of Elymais and Media, the Seleucid king Demetrius II (first reign, 145-138 BC) led an expedition against Mithradates I. However, he was, according to our combined literary and Babylonian cuneiform sources, defeated in the summer of 138 BC, captured and delivered to the Arsacid monarch who treated him magnanimously. Less than a decade later, Antiochus VII (138-129 BC), the younger brother and successor of Demetrius II, declared war on Parthia and marched out of Antioch with a large army. He recovered Mesopotamia and Elymais in the summer of 130 BC and then moved to Ecbatana in Media to challenge the reigning Arsacid prince, Phraates II. Some months later, Antiochus was caught in a Parthian ambush, defeated and slain about the end of summer – beginning of autumn 129 BC. The S 17 series of Tetradrachms and Drachms were minted at Seleucia on the Tigris to celebrate Phraates' triumph over Antiochus. Hence their epithet ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ, "Bearer of Victory".

289 Artabanus II (127-126 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.99g, 1h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and long bearded bust right, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Demeter enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand, cornucopia in left hand, two-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, letter Θ in field left, date ΖΠΡ (187 SEM = autumn 126 BC – autumn 125 BC) in exergue (S 18.1 var, Inter-regnal issue, dated variety with controller's mark; Sunrise 274). Good fine/about very fine. *Extremely rare, one of only six known examples.* $ 2,800

Justin (42.2.1) intimates that the successor of Phraates II was his paternal uncle, Artabanus. He went to war with the Tocharian nomads and lost his life after a poisoned arrow wounded him in the arm. According to Sellwood, the S 18 output was issued during an inter-regnum in Parthia when the mint authorities in Seleucia, "unsure of the political outcome, temporised by using a fictitious portrait of the recently dead king (Mithradates I)". However, a small number of cuneiform fragments register a "King Arsaces" at Babylon during March – July 126 BC who could have minted the undated S 18.1 Tetradrachms, corresponding to Year 186 SEM (autumn 127 BC to autumn 126 BC). This Arsacid prince was previously identified with Bagāyāsh/Bagasis, brother of Mithradates I and his appointed governor of Media Magna and Atropatene in 148 BC. However, further studies have revealed that Bagasis never ascended the Parthian throne as king and died shortly before the demise of Phraates II about autumn 127 BC. Hence the attribution of the S18.1 (undated) and S 18.1 var (dated 187 SEM) Tetradrachms to Artabanus (II) who succeeded Phraates II in late 127 BC - early 126 BC. On the historical significance of this issue see: Assar G.R.F., "Recent Studies in Parthian History: Part II", The Celator. Journal of Ancient and Medieval Coinage 15.1 (2001), 17-27 and 41 (attributed to Bagasis); Assar G.R.F. "Recent Studies in Parthian History: Part III", The Celator. Journal of Ancient and Medieval Coinage 15.2 (2001), 17-22 (attributed to Bagasis); Assar G.R.F., "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 165-91 B.C.", Electrum 11 (2006), 87-158 (at 114-116, attributed to Bagasis).

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290 Artabanus III (126-122 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.02g, 1h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and medium bearded bust right, wearing spiral torque, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Demeter enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand, cornucopia in left hand, monogram in field left, ΘΕ before Demeter, two-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, date ΗΠΡ (188 SEM = 125/4 BC) in exergue (S 21.3 (Artabanus I); Sunrise 276-277). About very fine, well centred designs. *Rare.* $ 2,500

291 Arsaces X (122-121 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.97g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and lightly bearded bust right, wearing spiral torque, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Demeter enthroned left, holding Nike in outstretched right hand, cornucopia in left hand, composite monogram and TY in exergue, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 23.2 (Mithradates II); Sunrise 280). Good fine, areas of soft striking on both sides. *Very rare.* $ 2,800

Like his father Artabanus II before him, Artabanus III lost his life in fighting the Scythian marauders (the Guti of the late Babylonian cuneiform sources). He was, according to a reference in the historical section of an astronomical diary from 119 BC, the brother of Mithradates II. The same cuneiform source confirms that Artabanus III died in battle against the Guti and that Mithradates II successfully liquidated the nomad threat in the winter of 119 BC with a great slaughter. Given that Mithradates II appears fully bearded on his earliest coinage, the S 23.3 silver Drachms (see lot 354) and S 23.4 bronzes dated 191 SEM = autumn 122 BC – autumn 121 BC, it is possible that the S 23.1-2 Tetradrachms, showing on their obverse the portrait of a juvenile prince, were minted by a son of Artabanus III. He succeeded his father in late 122 BC and disappeared soon afterwards in unknown circumstances about spring 121 BC. On the attribution to Arsaces X of this output see: Assar G.R.F., "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 165-91 B.C.", Electrum 11 (2006), 87-158 (at 129-140).

292 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.93g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, wearing spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, bow in outstretched right hand, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 24.1). About very fine, small area of soft striking on the reverse. *Scarce variety.* $ 2,500

293 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.23g, 1h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, wearing spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, bow in outstretched right hand, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, palm branch in field right (S 24.3). About very fine, well centred designs. *Scarce variety.* $ 2,500

294 Mithradates III (87-80 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 16.11g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and medium bearded bust left in tiara, decorated with a star on side, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 31.1 (Orodes I); Sunrise 306). Good fine. *Very rare.* $ 4,800

Babylonian cuneiform sources confirm that Mithradates II died in 91 BC and was succeeded by his son Gotarzes I (91-87 BC). The latter was, in his turn, followed on the throne by the issuer of S 31 coinage who styled himself ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, "Loving his Father", perhaps an allusion to Gotarzes I (or even Mithradates II) as his father. Given that Josephus (Jewish Antiquities, 13.384-386) reports that a reigning Arsacid prince called Mithradates received the defeated Seleucid ruler Demetrius III Eucaerus Philopator (96-87 BC), the S 31 coinage may be allocated to this same Parthian king Mithradates. For further reading see: Assar G.R.F., "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", Parthica 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 69-75).

295 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.32g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and short bearded bust left, wearing spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, bow in outstretched right hand, monogram above bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 30.2 (Unknown King), Sunrise 311). Good extremely fine and well centred on both sides. *Scarce.* $ 8,000

On the attribution to Arsaces XVI of this issue and lots 296, 387-388 and 390-398 see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 82-87).

296 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.87g, 1h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and short bearded bust left, wearing spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, bow in outstretched right hand, monograms above and below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 30.9 (Unknown King)). Extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 6,500

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297 Orodes II (57-38 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.01g, 12h. Overstruck on S41.1 Tetradrachm of Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC) in 55/4 BC at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and lightly bearded bust left, wearing griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, before him, Tyche kneeling left with sceptre in left hand, extending to king her right hand in submission, monogram above her head, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 45.6). Good fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,200

This is an historically important coin, minted at the end of the Arsacid fraternal wars, involving the two brothers Mithradates IV and Orodes II. The S 45 output marks the capture of Seleucia on the Tigris after Sūrenā, the valiant Parthian general and conqueror of Crassus at Carrhae in May 53 BC, led the forces loyal to Orodes and stormed the city in late 55 BC. After this victory, Orodes appears to have seized the entire type S 41 Tetradrachms of his brother and had them overstruck with his own dies. The coin in this lot has retained from the undertype, the Greek ΤΟΥ (meaning, "who is") at the lower right edge of the flan on the reverse. This corresponds with the inscription on S 41.1 Tetradrachms which unprecedentedly include the personal name of the reigning monarch: ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΚΑΛΟΥΜΕΝΟΥ ΜΙΘΡΑΔΑΤΟΥ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, (the coin of) King Arsaces, who is called Mithradates, Philhellene.

298 Orodes II (57-38 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.17g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and lightly bearded bust left, wart on brow, wearing griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, Tyche standing left, palm branch and cornucopia in right and left hands respectively, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, abbreviated month name ΞΑΝ (Xandikos) and monogram ZHM in exergue (S 47.1). About very fine. $ 800

299 Orodes II (57-38 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.31g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and lightly bearded bust left, wart on brow, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King right on omphalos, holding sceptre and Nike with laurel wreath in right and left hands respectively, monogram below Nike, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 48.2-3 var, king on omphalos and monogram below Nike). Good very fine, light graffiti on the obverse. *Unique.* $ 8,000

ex Gorny & Mosch, Auction 130, 8-9 Nov. 2004, lot 1403.

The historical significance of the reverse design of this unique Tetradrachm, depicting the king seated on omphalos rather than the ubiquitous throne of the preceding and succeeding issues, is unclear.

300 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.03g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with short pointed beard, wart on brow (probably intentionally scraped off later), wearing griffin ended spiral torque, kandys decorated with star on shoulder and griffin on breast, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, Tyche standing left, laurel wreath and cornucopia in right and left hands respectively, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, year date Ε•C (275 SEM) under throne, abbreviated month name ΓΟΡΠ (Gorpiaios) in exergue (Aug./Sep. 37 BC) (S 50.2; Sunrise 387). Good very fine, well centred on both sides. *Rare.* $ 1,500

301 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.74g, 12h. Overstruck on S55.7-9 Tetradrachm of Tiridates (c. October 31 - April 26 BC, intermittently) at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with medium and tapering beard, wart on brow, wearing spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, Tyche standing left, diadem and cornucopia in right and left hands respectively, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, unintelligible year date and month name in exergue due to overstriking, traces of undertype inscription at about 7h. reading ΦΙΛΟΡΩ[ΜΑΙΟΥ] (S 51.25-31). About very fine, well centred on both sides. *Rare.* $ 2,200

Having probably received support from Augustus, Tiridates deposed Phraates IV in early 26 BC and usurped the Arsacid throne. He then marked his triumph with a Tetradrachm issue at Seleucia on the Tigris, incorporating in its inscription the epithets ΦΙΛΟΡΩΜΑΙΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ (sic.). "Friend of the Romans (and) Autocrat". This was, as Sellwood aptly stated, "an unwise advertisement of his [Tiridates'] predilections and a sufficient reason for his eventual defeat". Phraates called on the neighbouring countries for aid and also enlisted the Scythians in the east against his foe. Having deposed Tiridates, Phraates overstruck his rival's celebratory output (the S 55.7-9 Tetradrachms from months Xandikos, Artemisios, Daisios, and a new variety from Panemos, covering the period April-July 26 BC). The coin in this lot is both numismatically and historically significant, because it confirms the seizure and destruction of Tiridates' Tetradrachms shortly after Phraates' triumphant return in spring 26 BC.

302 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.51g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with medium and tapering beard, wart on brow (probably intentionally scraped off later), wearing spiral torque, kandys decorated with eagle on shoulder and star on breast, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, Athena standing left, diadem and sceptre in right and left hands respectively, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, partial year date [Η or Θ]ΠΣ (288 or 289 SEM) month name ΟΛΩΙΟ[Υ] (Loios) in exergue (Aug./Sep. 24 BC or July/Aug. 23 BC) (S 50.2; Sunrise 391 var, no pellet below throne seat). Good very fine, well centred on both sides. $ 800

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303 Tiridates (c. October 31 - April 26 BC, intermittently) or a later usurper, Mithradates (c. 15-10 BC), Silver Tetradrachm, 10.71g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with medium and tapering beard, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left with bow and sceptre, monogram above bow, letter A between king's legs and under throne seat, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, abbreviated month name ΑΡΤΕΠΙ (Artemisios) in exergue (S 55.10 var, letter A between king's legs; Sunrise 399 var, monogram under throne). About very fine, well centred on both sides. $ 450

304 Phraataces (sole reign, 3/2 BC - AD 1), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.94g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with medium and tapering beard, hair covering ear, wart on brow(?), Nike each side, spiral torque. Rev. Bearded king in bashlyk seated right on backless throne, holding bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΑΙΤ (311 SEM) horizontally under bow, month ΑΠΕΛΛΑΙΟΥ (Apellaios) in exergue (Nov./Dec. 2 BC) (S 57.11). About very fine. $ 1,200

This is an unusual issue, substituting on the reverse the beardless archer of the preceding and succeeding outputs with a long bearded king.

305 Phraataces and Musa (joint reign, AD 1-4), Billon Tetradrachm, 11.11g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with long and tapering bead, wart on brow, short hair, ear and earring visible, wearing spiral torque, flying Nike in front, year date ΒΙΤ (312 SEM) set in diadem ends, all flanked by two-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ. Rev. Queen's bust in tiara with double loop right, flying Nike in front, abbreviated month name ΞΑΝ (Xandikos, Apr./May AD 1, reading from outside) set in diadem ends, around, four-line inscription, ΘΕΑC ΟΥΡΑΝΙΑC ΜΟΥCΗC ΒΑCΙΛΙCΗC (*sic.*) (S 58.1; Sunrise 403 var, different year and month). Extremely fine, well centred on both sides, uniform dark tone. *Very rare.* $ 9,500

ex Bank Leu, Auction 13, 1975, lot 333
ex Numismatic Fine Art, Auction XXII, June 1989, lot 353 (read the abbreviated month name as ΞΑΝ, Xandikos)
ex Dr. Busso Peus Nachf, Auction 388, November 2006, lot 541
ex Dr. Robert Gonella Collection, Germany

Following the defeat and death of Crassus and his son at the Battle of Carrhae in early May 53 BC, not only the victorious Parthians took the Roman standards, but also captured about 10,000 prisoners. However, around twenty years later and after lengthy negotiations between Phraates IV and Augustus, the Parthian king finally rounded up the surviving Roman prisoners in 20 BC and despatched them to the Roman emperor together with the captured standards. In return, Augustus gifted Phraates with an Italian slave girl, named Musa. Although she initially served as a concubine in the Parthian king's harem, Musa was soon declared queen after giving birth to a son, called Phraataces (the diminutive form of Phraates). However, sometime in 3/2 BC, Musa conspired with her young son and had the reigning king Phraates IV assassinated. She then married Phraataces, following a Magian custom, and began to rule jointly with him. Classical sources relate that Phraataces and Musa lost their crowns in a "civil war" and were subsequently murdered. Numismatic evidence places the demise of the mother and son around early autumn AD 4 (S58.7 Tetradrachm, dated Hyperberetaios 315 SEM).

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306 Orodes III (c. AD 6-8), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.53g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with long and tapering bead, lock of hair on brow, short hair, ear and earring visible, wearing spiral torque. Rev. King enthroned left, holding bow and sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, year date ΖΙΤ (317 SEM) vertically behind throne, exergual month name (Dystros, Feb./Mar. AD 6) off the flan (S 59.1; Sunrise 405). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,800

307 Vonones I (c. AD 8-12), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.48g, 12h. Overstruck on S 58.1-7 Tetradrachm of Phraataces and Musa at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with long and square cut beard, short hair, ear and earring visible, spiral torque, around, ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕωΝ ΟΝωΝΗΣ. Rev. Nike walking left, year date ΒΚΤ (322 SEM) in front, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, month name ΓΟΡΠΙΑΙΟΥ (Gorpiaios, Aug./Sep. AD 11) in exergue. (S 60.2; Sunrise 406 var, different year and month). About very fine, well centred on both sides. *Rare.* $ 2,800

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308 Artabanus IV (c. AD 10-38), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.57g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and long bearded bust left, traces of flying Nike in front (mostly off the flan), ear and earring visible, spiral torque, year date ΔΛΤ (334 SEM, AD 22/3) in front, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving palm from Tyche holding sceptre, between them, kneeling man offering diadem, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, year date ΔΛΤ divided by palm, month name mostly off the flan (probably Artemisios?, May/June AD 23) (S 62.1(?); Sunrise 410). Good fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,200

The diminutive kneeling figure on the reverse of this issue is, most probably, the Jewish rebel, Asinaeus (not, as Sellwood has suggested, Vonones I who had died before AD 20). Together with his brother, Anilaeus, he revolted from the Parthian satrap of Babylonia in AD 21/22 with great slaughter. Artabanus IV intervened and after making overtures to Asinaeus and Anilaeus, conferred on them the governorship of Babylonia. According to Josephus (Jewish Antiquities, 18.310-339), having summoned the brothers to an audience, Artabanus "was astonished at Asinaeus' courage in action when he observed that he was quite short in outward appearance". For further reading see: Assar G.R.F., "Iran Under the Arsacids, 247 BC – AD 224/227", in B.R. Nelson (ed.), Numismatic Art of Persia. The Sunrise Collection. Part I: Ancient -650 BC to AD 650. Classical Numismatic Group, Lancaster, Pennsylvania and London, England (2011), 113-171 (at 137-140).

309 Artabanus IV (c. AD 10-38), Billon Tetradrachm, 9.74g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and medium bearded bust facing, wearing spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King left on horseback, receiving palm from Tyche, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, year date ΤΛΗ (338 SEM) divided by king's head, month name Loios (July/Aug, AD 27) as monogram under horse (S 63.4; Sunrise 411 var, different month). Good fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,200

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310 Vardanes I (c. AD 38-46), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.44g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust with short pointed beard left, wart on brow, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, receiving palm from Tyche holding cornucopia, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΔΝΤ (354 SEM) between king and Tyche, traces of month name ΓΟΡΠΑΙ[ΟΥ] (*sic.*) Gorpiaios (Aug./Sep. AD 43) in exergue (S 64.18; Sunrise 413 var, different year and month). About very fine. $ 450

311 Vardanes I (c. AD 38-46), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.42g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust with short pointed beard left, wart on brow, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, receiving palm from Tyche holding cornucopia, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ϹΝΤ (356 SEM) between king and Tyche, traces of month name [ΑΠ]ΕΛΛ[ΑΙΟΥ] Apellaios (Dec. AD 44 – Jan. AD 45) in exergue (S 64.28-30 var, different month; Sunrise 413 var, different year and month). About very fine. $ 400

312 Gotarzes II (c. AD 44-51), Silver Tetradrachm, 11.07g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust with long pointed beard left, lock of hair on brow, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned right, receiving diadem from Tyche holding cornucopia, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΘΝΤ (359 SEM) between king and Tyche, month name [Α]ΥΔΑΝΑ[ΙΟΥ] (*sic.*) Audnaios, (Jan./Feb. AD 48) in exergue (S 64.18 var, different spelling of month name; Sunrise 416 var, different year and month). About very fine. $ 450

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313 Vologases I (first reign in Babylonia, c. AD 50-55), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.61g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Bust facing, diademed head with short pointed beard turned left, wearing spiral torque with a central medallion, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΓΞΤ (363 SEM, AD 51/2) between king and Tyche, month name off the flan (S 68.1-11 var; Sunrise 419 var, different year; Sinisi, SNP 7, 41 (this coin)). About very fine. $ 450

314 Vardanes II (c. AD 54-58), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.25g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust with short beard left, wart on brow, wearing spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΘΞΤ (369 SEM) between king and Tyche, abbreviated intercalary month name ΕΠΒΟΛ (Embolimos, Mar./Apr. AD 58) in exergue (S 69.10-12 var; Sunrise 420 var; Sinisi, SNP 7, 418 (this coin)). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,500

For the calendrical significance of this coin see: G.R.F. Assar, "Parthian Calendars at Babylon and Seleucia on the Tigris", *Iran* 41 (2003), 171-191 (at 180-181).

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315 Vologases I (Second reign in Babylonia, c. AD 58-78), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.53g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with short pointed beard, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving palm from Tyche holding sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΕΟΤ (375 SEM, AD 63/4) between king and Tyche, month off the flan (S 70.4 var; Sunrise 422 var (different year); Sinisi SNP 7, 465 (this coin)). Good very fine. $ 800

316 Vologases II (c. AD 77/8-79), Silver Tetradrachm, 13.87g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and tiara decorated with "hooks" round the crest, ear and earring visible, spiral torque, sequential letter B behind head, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΟΛΛΑΓΑCΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΘΠΤ (389 SEM, AD 77/8) between king and Tyche, month off the flan (S 72.1-2 var; Sunrise 427 var, different sequential letter; Sinisi SNP 7, 720 (Vologases I, this coin)). About very fine, darkly toned. *Scarce.* $ 450

317 Artabanus V (AD 79/80-85), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.34g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left with long and pointed beard, hair above diadem in waves, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving "untied diadem" from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΑΡΤΑΒΑΝΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΒQΤ (392 SEM) between king and Tyche, partial month name [Δ]ΑΙCΙ[ΟΥ] (Daisios, May/June AD 81) in exergue (S 74.1; Sunrise 441 var, different month; Sinisi SNP 7, 850 (Artabanus III, this coin)). About very fine, well centred on both sides. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

318 Pacorus I (c. AD 78-120), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.10g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and tiara, decorated with "hooks" round the crest, ear and earring visible, spiral torque, sequential letter A behind, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΠΑΚΟΡΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, year date ΔΥ (404 SEM, AD 92/3) between king and Tyche, month name off the flan (S 77.1 var; Sunrise 435 var, different tiara decorations; Sinisi SNP 7, 1183 (Pacorus II, this coin)). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 650

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319 Vologases IV (c. AD 147-191), Billon Tetradrachm, 13.82g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Long bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and tiara with long earflaps, decorated with "hooks" round the crest, horn with a row of pearls on side, earring visible, spiral torque, sequential letter B behind, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΟΛΑΓΑCΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC (mostly off the flan), year date ΑΠΥ (481 SEM, AD 169/170) between king and Tyche, traces of unintelligible month name in exergue (S 84.39 var; Sunrise 451 var, different year and month). About very fine. $ 300

320 Vologases IV (c. AD 147-191), Billon Tetradrachm, 13.74g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Long bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and tiara with long earflaps, decorated with "hooks" round the crest, horn with a row of pearls on side, earring visible, spiral torque, sequential letter B behind, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΟΛΑΓΑCΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC (mostly off the flan), year date ΑQΥ (491 SEM, AD 179/180) between king and Tyche, month name off the flan (S 84.70-79 var; Sunrise 451 var, different year and month). About very fine, darkly toned. $ 300

321 Vologases IV (c. AD 147-191), Billon Tetradrachm, 13.61g, 1h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Long bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and tiara with long earflaps, decorated with "hooks" round the crest, horn with a row of pearls on side, earring visible, spiral torque, sequential letter B behind, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΟΛΑΓΑCΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC (mostly off the flan), year date ΓQΥ (493 SEM) between king and Tyche, traces of month name ΛωΟΥ (Loios, July/Aug. AD 182) in exergue (S 84.90 var; Sunrise 451 var, different year and month). Extremely fine. $ 300

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322 Vologases V (c. AD 191-208), Billon Tetradrachm, 13.75g, 1h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed bust left, pointed beard, hair bunched above diadem and behind ear, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΟΛΑΓΑCΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC (mostly off the flan), year date ΗΦ (508 SEM, AD 196/7) between king and Tyche, month name off the flan (S 87.15; Sunrise 457 var, different year). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 650

323 Vologases VI (c. AD 207/8-221/2), Billon Tetradrachm, 13.82g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Long bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and tiara with long earflaps, decorated with "hooks" round the crest, horn with a row of pearls on side, lock of hair on brow, earring visible, spiral torque, sequential letter B behind. Rev. King enthroned left, receiving diadem from Tyche with sceptre, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΟΛΑΓΑCΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC (mostly off the flan), year date ΒΚΦ? (522 SEM, AD 210/11) between king and Tyche, month name off the flan (S 88.5 var; Sunrise 458 var, different year). Extremely fine/good very fine. $ 300

324 Arsaces I (247-211 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.23g, 11h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head right in bashlyk, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated left on backless throne, two-line inscription, ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (right). ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 1.1, Sunrise 234; Abgarians M.T. and Sellwood D.G., "A Hoard of Early Parthian Drachms", *The Numismatic Chronicle* 7:11 (1971), 103-119 and Plates 20-23 (Pl. 20, 1/3, this coin)). Very fine/good very fine, slight porosity on the obverse. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,200

Having revolted from Seleucid dominion in about 250 BC, Arsaces I defeated an expedition in 247 BC under Seleucus II (probably the ruler of the "Upper Satrapies" under his father Antiochus II) and thus declared independence from about a century of Macedonian suzerainty. Less than a decade later, Arsaces invaded Parthia in 238 BC, defeating and slaying Andragoras, the resident Seleucid satrap. An abortive Seleucid incursion under Seleucus II in 229 BC afforded Arsaces a respite to settle the affairs of Parthia, consolidate his power base and rule independently until his death around 211 BC. The coin in this lot is the inaugural issue of the Arsacid leader as the de facto ruler of Parthia, struck at Mithradatkart-Nisa soon after his annexation of the satrapy. It is both historically and numismatically important, marking the inception of the Arsacid coinage and Parthia's independence from Seleucid tutelage.

325 Arsaces I (247-211 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.09g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head left in bashlyk, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated left on backless throne, two-line inscription, part Greek, part Aramaic, ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (right, partly off the flan), *krnw/krny* (left, below bow), mint monogram below stool, dotted border (S 3.1, Sunrise 238; Abgarians M.T. and Sellwood D.G., "A Hoard of Early Parthian Drachms", *The Numismatic Chronicle* 7:11 (1971), 103-119 and Plates 20-23 (Pl. 20, 3/6, this coin)). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,200

326 Arsaces I (247-211 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.22g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head left in bashlyk, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, two-line inscription, part Greek, part Aramaic, ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (left), *krnw/krny* (right, below bow), mint monogram below stool, dotted border (S 4.1, Sunrise 239; Abgarians M.T. and Sellwood D.G., "A Hoard of Early Parthian Drachms", *The Numismatic Chronicle* 7:11 (1971), 103-119 and Plates 20-23 (Pl. 20, 4/7, this coin)). About extremely fine, slight porosity on both sides. *Very rare.* $ 3,200

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327 Arsaces I (247-211 BC), Silver "mule" Drachm, 4.04g, 11h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head left in bashlyk, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, one-line inscription ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ left, letter A below bow, dotted border (S 4.1/S5.1). Good fine. *Rare.* $ 2,200

328 Arsaces I (247-211 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.86g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head left in bashlyk, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, one-line inscription ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ left, letter A below bow, dotted border (S 5.1 (Arsaces II); Sunrise 240; Abgarians M.T. and Sellwood D.G., "A Hoard of Early Parthian Drachms", *The Numismatic Chronicle* 7:11 (1971), 103-119 and Plates 20-23 (Pl. 20, 5/3, this coin)). Very fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,200

On the attribution to Arsaces I of this issue see: Assar G.R.F., "Genealogy and Coinage of the Early Parthian Rulers. I", *Parthica* 6 (2004/5), 69-93 (at 77-80), and Assar G.R.F., "Genealogy and Coinage of the Early Parthian Rulers. II. A Revised Stemma", *Parthica* 7 (2005/6), 29-63 (at 34-35).

329 Arsaces I (247-211 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.72g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head left in bashlyk, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, one-line inscription ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ left, letter A below bow, dotted border (S 5.1 (Arsaces II); Sunrise 240). Good fine. *Scarce.* $ 600

See the works listed under lot 328 on the attribution of this issue to Arsaces I.

330 Arsaces II (211-185 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.05g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head left in bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, one-line inscription ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ left, below bow, an eagle standing facing, head turned left, dotted border (S 6.1; Sunrise 241-242; Abgarians M.T. and Sellwood D.G., "A Hoard of Early Parthian Drachms", *The Numismatic Chronicle* 7:11 (1971), 103-119 and Plates 20-23 (Pl. 21, 6/1, this coin)). Extremely fine, well centred on both sides. *Scarce.* $ 2,500

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331 Arsaces II (211-185 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.78g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and beardless head left in bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, one-line inscription ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ left, below bow, an eagle standing facing, head turned left, dotted border (S 6.1; Sunrise 243; Abgarians M.T. and Sellwood D.G., "A Hoard of Early Parthian Drachms", *The Numismatic Chronicle* 7:11 (1971), 103-119 and Plates 20-23 (Pl. 21, 6/31, this coin)). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 650

332 Phriapatius (185-170 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.44g, 12h. Minted at Hekatompylos(?). Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, one-line inscription ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ left (S 8.1 (Mithradates I); Sunrise 245). About very fine, slight obverse die flaw behind head. *Scarce.* $ 950

On the attribution to Phriapatius of this issue see the works cited under lot 328.

333 Phriapatius (185-170 BC), Silver Drachms (2). Minted at Hekatompylos(?), about 170 BC. Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΘΕΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, 3.54g, 12h. (S 10.15 (Mithradates I)). and Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, 4.13g, 12h. (S 10.1 (Mithradates I)). Good fine to about very fine, common obverse die. *First extremely rare.* (2) $ 2,200

A pair of numismatically and historically important early Parthian Drachms. Close inspections of these coins reveal that they are struck from a single obverse die. However, presence of additional die flaws on the second piece, especially around the king's shoulder, confirms that the ΘΕΟΥ variety (S10.15) is anterior. This implies that Phriapatius was the first Arsacid ruler to claim godship around the end of his reign and before the adoption of the epithet ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ, "the Great".
On the attribution to Phriapatius of these two Drachms see: Assar G.R.F., "Genealogy and Coinage of the Early Parthian Rulers. I", *Parthica* 6 (2004/5), 69-93 (at 81-82), and Assar G.R.F., "Genealogy and Coinage of the Early Parthian Rulers. II. A Revised Stemma", *Parthica* 7 (2005/6), 29-63 (at 36-38).

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334 Phriapatius (185-170 BC) through to Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Period 172-148 BC, Silver Drachm, 3.98g, 12h. Minted at Hekatompylos(?). Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (S 10.1 (Mithradates I), Sunrise 254). Extremely fine. $ 650

Numismatic evidence (see lot 333) shows that the third Arsacid ruler, Phriapatius, began to style himself "the Great" towards the end of his reign. Given that his successors continued to employ this same epithet in their coin inscriptions, it is practically impossible to ascertain the issuer of S10.1 drachms, showing the king wearing a diadem bound bashlyk on the obverse with no monogram on the reverse.

335 Phraates I (168-164 BC) through to Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Period 165-148 BC, Silver Drachm, 3.83g, 12h. Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, monogram OP in exergue (S 10 var, uncertain mint). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 450

ex Fred B. Shore Collection: *Parthian Coins and History. Ten Dragons Against Rome*, Classical Numismatic Group, Quarryville, Pennsylvania, 1993, p.91, no.16
ex Classical Numismatic Group, Auction 36, 5-6 December 1995, lot 16

In his above listed book on the coinage and history of Parthian, Shore assumes that the exergual monogram OP on this very rare output represents the Seleucid date 170 (SEM), that is, 143/2 BC. He then suggests that concurrently with his later issues, Mithradates I probably continued to coin the bashlyk type Drachms at some eastern mint cities of his empire. However, given that the final beardless and bashlyk type Drachms from Ecbatana (see lot 338) were minted soon after Mithradates annexed the two satrapies of Media Magna and Atropatene in late summer – early autumn 148 BC, reading OP as 170 SEM may be ruled out.

336 Phraates I (168-164 BC) through to Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Period 165-148 BC, Silver Drachm, 3.97g, 3h. Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, letter I in field right, composite monogram in exergue, uncertain mint (S 10.3 var (letter I in field right); Sunrise 255 var, no monogram in field left). About very fine, well centred on both sides. *Very rare.* $ 1,900

337 Phraates I (168-164 BC) through to Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Period 165-148 BC, Silver Drachm, 3.81g, 12h. Minted at Hekatompylos(?). Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟ[Σ] (S 10.17 (probably an issue of Phraates II); Sunrise 256). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,200

Sellwood tentatively assigned this issue to Phraates II. However, given that Phriapatius had already been divinised around 170 BC (see lot 333 with ΘΕΟΥ) and that the final beardless and bashlyk type Drachms were minted around 148/7 BC, it is likely that one of the two sons of Phriapatius, Phraates I or Mithradates I, minted the S 10.17 Drachms with ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, "Son of a Divine Father".

338 Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.89g, 3h. Minted at Ecbatana in 148 BC. Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (S 10.10 (Mithradates I); Sunrise 257). About very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,900

Together with the S10.14 Drachms, also minted at Ecbatana about summer – autumn 148 BC, the S 10.10 output constitutes the final beardless and bashlyk type coinage that began to be issued under Arsaces I about 238 BC.

339 Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.53g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and bearded bust right, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Zeus enthroned left, holding eagle and sceptre, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, monogram in exergue (S 13.6; Sunrise 263). Very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 4,000

As the first Arsacid output from the Seleucid royal mint, the S 13.1-5 Tetradrachms and S 13.6-10 Drachms were minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. This began soon after the summer of 141 BC (S 13.1) when the Parthian forces overran Mesopotamia, and ended not long after the autumn of 139 BC (S 13.5 and S 13.10). See also the commentary under lot 287.

340 Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.16g, 12h. Minted at Seleucia on the Tigris. Diademed and bearded bust right, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Zeus enthroned left, holding eagle and sceptre, three-line inscription [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕ]ΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ, date ΓΟΡ (173 SEM = 138/7 BC) (S 13.3; Sunrise 264). Very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,000

341 Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Drachms (2), 3.38g, 12h, 4.07g, 12h. Minted at Nisa. Bare-headed, diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing single turn torque, laurel wreath border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (S 11.3). Both good fine, sharing a common obverse die. *Very rare.* (2) $ 1,200

342 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.22g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.1; Sunrise 269). About very fine. *Rare.* $ 450

343 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.74g, 12h. Minted at Nisa. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, mintname NICAIA behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.9). Good extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,800

Having successfully crushed the last Seleucid assault on Parthia and slain Antiochus VII in late summer – early autumn 129 BC, Phraates II was soon embroiled in a bitter dispute with the Scythian warriors. The later had been induced by an offer of payment and a share of the war booty to aid the Parthians in their battle against the invading Seleucid army. However, the nomads arrived late, and when they demanded payment, Phraates refused and dismissed them. The Scythians took offence and began to overrun and ravage Parthian districts and cities on their journey back home. To counter the nomad army, Phraates is said to have taken with him a contingent of prisoners from his war with Antiochus VII. He successfully liberated city after city as far as Margiane (Merv). At the end, however, when the fickle Greeks found their captors in trouble, they defected to the Scythians and so routed the Parthian army, slaying the Arsacid prince. Lots 343-348, minted respectively at Nisa, Tambrax, Epardus, and some unidentifiable Parthian districts/cities, attest to Phraates' campaign that began favourably in 128 BC but ended in failure about autumn 127 BC in northeast Parthia.

344 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.10g, 12h. Minted at Nisa. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, monogram IN behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.10). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 650

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345 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.95g, 12h. Minted at Tambrax. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, monogram ΤΑΜΒ behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.11 var, different abbreviated mint name; Sunrise 272 var). Very fine, obverse double struck. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,200

346 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.87g, 12h. Minted at Epardus. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, monogram ΕΠΑ[Ρ] behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.13). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,500

347 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.86g, 12h. Minted at Saramana(?). Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, monogram ΣΑ behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.17). About very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,500

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348 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.99g, 12h. Minted at Saramana(?). Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, monogram ΣΑ behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.17). Good fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,200

349 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.98g, 12h. Minted at Nisa. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (left) (S 16.22 var, without obverse monogram). Good fine, full bust on obverse. *Very rare.* $ 450

350 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.06g, 1h. Minted at Ecbatana. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ (left) ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (above) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (right) (S 16.24). Good fine/very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,500

351 Artabanus III (126-122 BC), Silver Drachms (2), 4.01g, 12h, 3.74g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Diademed and bearded bust left, wearing multi-turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 19.1 (Artabanus I)); and four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ (left) (S 20.1 (Artabanus I); Sunrise 278). Good very fine, sharing a common obverse die, second slightly porous. *Very rare.* (2) $ 3,200

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352 Artabanus III (126-122 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.44g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and bearded bust left, wearing multi-turn torque, monogram PA behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ (left) (S 20.4 (Artabanus I)). Good fine/very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,200

353 Artabanus III (126-122 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.17g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Diademed and bearded bust left, wearing multi-turn torque, composite monogram behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (left), monogram or Arsacid Era date ΕΚΡ (125 AE, 123/4 BC) in exergue (S 22.2 (Artabanus I)). Good fine, well centred on both sides, exergual date/monogram on reverse very clear. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,500

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354 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.73g, 12h. Minted at Margiane. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, monogram MP behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 23.3 (attributed to Ecbatana)). Good fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 950

355 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.62g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ (S 25.1). Good fine/very fine. *Extremely Rare.* $ 1,800

This issue was minted in 119-118 BC to celebrate Mithradates' triumph over the marauding Sacae (Sacaraucae) who had earlier defeated and slain both Phraates II and Artabanus III, marching as far as northern Mesopotamia. Hence the epithet ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ, "the Saviour (of Parthia)". See also the commentary under lot 291.

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356 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.06g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, monogram PA behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ (S 25.1 var, different mint). Good fine. *Unique.* $ 2,800

On the historical significance of this issue see the commentary under lot 355.

357 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.03g, 12h. Minted at an uncertain east Parthian mint. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ (S 25.1 var, different mint). Good fine. *Unique.* $ 800

On the historical significance of this issue see the commentary under lot 355.

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358 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 116/5-113/2 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.08g, 12h. Minted at an uncertain east Parthian mint. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 24.9 var, different mint). About extremely fine, well centred obverse. *Scarce.* $ 800

359 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 116/5-113/2 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.22g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, composite monogram behind head, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, letter A behind, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 24.18). Good very fine, well centred on both sides. *Scarce.* $ 1,200

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360 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 116/5-113/2 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.02g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, two monograms behind head, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, monogram and star behind, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 24.19 var, one obverse and the reverse monograms differently shaped). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 800

361 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 3.99g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow and arrow with one hand, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.1; Sunrise 290-291). Good very fine. $ 400

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362 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.18g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow and arrow with one hand, letter Δ in field left, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.2). Extremely fine. $ 450

363 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.15g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow and arrow with one hand, letter Δ in field left, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.2). About extremely fine/extremely fine. $ 300

364 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.26g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana(?). Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow and arrow with both hands, letter A behind throne back, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.3). Good extremely fine, well centred both sides. $ 450

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365 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.14g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana(?). Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow and arrow with both hands, letter A behind throne back, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.3). Extremely fine, well centred reverse. $ 300

366 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.25g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow only with both hands, monogram behind throne back, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.4, Sellwood erroneously describes archer holding bow and arrow with both hands on this variety). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 650

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367 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.22g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow only with both hands, monogram behind throne back, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.4 var, differently shaped reverse monogram; Sellwood erroneously describes archer holding bow and arrow with both hands on this variety). About extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 400

368 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 3.97g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, monogram behind head removed from coin, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow only with both hands, monogram behind throne back, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.4 var, obverse monogram on intact coin and differently shaped reverse monogram, Sellwood erroneously describes archer holding bow and arrow with both hands on this variety; Sunrise 289, with intact obverse monogram). About very fine, well centred both sides. *Scarce.* $ 650

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369 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.05g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae(?). Diademed and medium bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, monogram behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow only with both hands, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.10). About very fine. $ 400

370 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.10g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae(?). Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, monogram behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow only with both hands, letter E in field left, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.14). Good very fine, slightly porous surfaces. $ 550

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371 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.21g, 11h. Minted at Rhagae(?). Diademed and medium bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow only with both hands, letters A and E below bow, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.24). Extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,200

372 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 112/11-110/09 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.07g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae(?). Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow and arrow with one hand, monogram below bow, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 26.24 var, archer holds bow and arrow, different monogram). Good very fine/ extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,200

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373 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 109/8-97/6 BC, Silver Drachm, 3.98g, 11h. Minted at Rhagae(?). Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, holding bow with one hand, letter A behind throne back, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 27.5). About extremely fine. $ 400

374 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 96/5-93/2 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.09g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Long bearded bust left, wearing diadem bound tiara, decorated on side with an eight-pointed star, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 28.1; Sunrise 296). About extremely fine. $ 650

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375 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 96/5-93/2 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.21g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Long bearded bust left, wearing diadem bound tiara, decorated on side with a six-pointed star, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 28.2; Sunrise 297). About extremely fine. $ 1,800

The obverse of this coin was illustrated on the cover of the first edition of Sellwood's *An Introduction to the Coinage of Parthia* in 1971.

376 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 96/5-93/2 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.04g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Long bearded bust left, wearing diadem bound tiara, decorated on side with a six-pointed star, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 28.4). Good very fine. $ 450

377 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Period 96/5-93/2 BC, Silver Drachm, 4.06g, 1h. Minted at an uncertain east Parthian workshop. Long bearded bust left, wearing diadem bound tiara, decorated on side with an eight-pointed star, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 28 var). About extremely fine, crude obverse and reverse designs and engraving. $ 450

378 Sinatruces (93/2-70/69 BC, intermittently), Silver "mule" Drachm, 4.19g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana or Rhagae. Long bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a horn on side and a row of recumbent stags around the crest, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (Mithradates II) (S 33.1/S 28.1). About very fine. *Unique.* $ 1,200

As the older son of Mithradates I the Great, Sinatruces challenged the reigning Arsaces, Mithradates II the Great, around 93/2 BC with the aid of his Scythian allies, the Sacaraucae. He successfully annexed the eastern and central Parthian satrapies, including Elymais with its principle mint at Susa, and began to issue coins, styling himself ΝΙΚΑΤΟΡΟΣ "the Victor". The coin in this lot indicates that the two Parthian workshops at Ecbatana and Rhagae either concurrently struck Drachms for both Arsacid contenders or that as the dynastic struggle went on, some dies moved between the two mints. For further reading on the historical implications of this "mule" drachm see: Assar G.R.F., "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 145-149) and also: Assar G.R.F., "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 55-62).

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379 Sinatruces (93/2-70/69 BC, intermittently), Silver countermarked Drachm, 3.54g, 12h. Long bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a horn on side and a row of recumbent stags around the crest, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΝΙΚΑΤΟΡΟΣ (S 91.1 var: host coin = S 33.2 (Gotarzes I, Ecbatana), countermark = beardless head left, around [ΤΑ]ΝΛΗC). Good fine. *Very rare.* $ 950

380 Gotarzes I (91-87 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.01g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Long bearded bust left, wearing diadem bound tiara, decorated on side with a seven-pointed star, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 29.1 (Mithradates II)). Extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 800

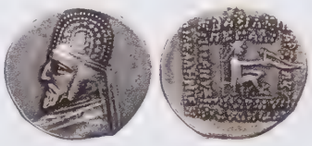
On the allocation to Gotarzes I of this issue see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 62-69).

381 Mithradates III (87-80 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.83g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Medium bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a six-pointed star on side, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 31.5 (Orodes I); Sunrise 308 var, differently disposed inscription). About extremely fine, good centring on both sides. $ 450

See the commentary under lot 294 on the attribution to Mithradates III of the S31 coinage.

382 Mithradates III (87-80 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.00g, 12h. Minted at Aria(?). Medium bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with an eight-pointed star on side, monogram behind head, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram IT(?) above bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ (above), ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right), ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ(?) (below), with three unintelligible words to left (S 31 var). Good fine. *Unique.* $ 1,200

ex Fred B. Shore Collection: *Parthian Coins and History. Ten Dragons Against Rome*, Classical Numismatic Group, Quarryville, Pennsylvania, 1993, p.108, no.126
ex Classical Numismatic Group, Auction 36, 5-6 December 1995, lot 126



383 Mithradates III (87-80 BC) to Orodes I (80-75 BC), Transitional Silver Drachm, 4.07g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Medium bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a "fleur-de-lys" on side and a row of large pearls, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 31.7 (Orodes I)). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,200

For the historical significance of this issue see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 75).

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384 Orodes I (80-75 BC), Altered Silver Drachm, 4.12g, 12h. Originally minted at Rhagae. Short bearded bust left in diademed bound tiara, decorated with a row of pearls-on-stalk round the crest and a fleur-de-lys on side, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 34.4 var (Sinatruces): anchor erased from coin (not die)). Good very fine, unusual flan shape. *Scarce.* $ 1,200

385 Orodes I (80-75 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.17g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Short bearded bust left in diademed bound tiara, decorated with a row of pearls-on-stalk round the crest and a fleur-de-lys on side, pellet ended spiral torque, anchor behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 34.3 (Sinatruces)). Extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,800

386 Orodes I (80-75 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.08g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Short bearded bust left in diademed bound tiara, decorated with a row of pearls-on-stalk round the crest and a fleur-de-lys on side, pellet ended spiral torque, anchor behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 34.3 (Sinatruces)). Extremely fine, well centred on both sides. *Scarce.* $ 1,800

On the attribution to Orodes I of this issue and the related literature see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 75-82).

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387 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver "mule" Drachm, 3.93g, 12h. Probably minted at Areia. Diademed and short bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΝΙΚΑΤΟΡΟΣ (Sinatruces) partly blundered (S 30 var (Areia?)/S 33 var (Areia?)). Good fine. *Unique.* $ 650

For the historical significance of this "mule" see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 84-85).

388 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver "mule" Drachm, 4.08g, 12h. Probably minted at Rhagae. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (Orodes I) (S 30.16? (Rhagae)/S 34.3 (Rhagae)). Good fine/about very fine. *Unique.* $ 950

ex Fred B. Shore Collection: *Parthian Coins and History. Ten Dragons Against Rome*, Classical Numismatic Group, Quarryville, Pennsylvania, 1993, p.111, no.148
ex Classical Numismatic Group, Auction 36, 5-6 December 1995, lot 148

For the historical significance of this "mule" see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 83).

389 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.10g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, mintname as ΕΝΡΑΓΑΙC to right (S 30.18). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,500

On the attribution to Arsaces XVI of this issue and lots 387-388 as well as 390-398 see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 82-87).

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390 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.23g, 12h. Minted at Susa. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ (S 30.19). Good very fine. *Rare.* $ 650

391 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.02g, 12h. Minted at Margiane. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, mintname as ΜΑΡΓΙΑΝΗ to right (S 30.21). Good very fine, well centred. *Rare.* $ 950

392 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver "brockage" Drachm, 4.00g, 12h. Minted at Margiane. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, mostly blundered and partly obliterated, mintname probably as ΜΑΡΓΙΑΝΗ to right, also blundered and partly obliterated (S 30.21(?); Sunrise 316). Extremely fine and well centred. $ 950

Having been minted and while awaiting removal from the lower die, this coin was struck by a reverse punch to which had adhered a similar Drachm whose obverse left discernible traces on the reverse of the minted coin (the king's nose in intaglio is positioned to right at about 3 o'clock with parts of his hair above and below diadem in the middle).

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393 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.04g, 12h. Minted at Nisa. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, mintname as ΝΙΣΑΙΑ to right (S 30.24). Good fine. *Rare.* $ 650

394 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.18g, 1h. Minted at Areia. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, mintname as ΑΡΕΙΑ to right (S 30.25; Sunrise 315). About extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 950

395 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.14g, 12h. Minted by Court at Rhagae. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, mintname as ΚΑΤΑCTRATEIA to right (S 30.28). About extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,100

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396 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.16g, 12h. Minted by Court at Ecbatana. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, mintname as ΚΑΤΑCTRATEIA to right (S 30.29). About very fine. *Rare.* $ 450

397 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.84g, 12h. Probably minted at Rhagae. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, one large hollow pellet on collar, ΛΟ decoration on breast, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, crude style and coarse engraving (S 30.16 var). About very fine. *Rare.* $ 450

398 Arsaces XVI (78/7-62/1 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.12g, 12h. Probably minted at Mithradatkart. Diademed and short bearded bust left, pellet ended spiral torque, monogram behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, completely blundered (S 30 var). About very fine. *Unique.* $ 800

399 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.20g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae c.68-62 BC. Diademed and short bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (ΚΑΙ) ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ (S 36.9; Sunrise 321). Extremely fine. $ 800

400 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.10g, 12h. Minted by Court at Rhagae c.68-62 BC. Diademed and short bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (ΚΑΙ) ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ (S 36.10). About extremely fine. $ 450

401 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.20g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart c.62 BC. Diademed and short bearded bust facing, wearing spiral torque with central medallion, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (ΚΑΙ) ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 35.4; Sunrise 328). Extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 4,000

402 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.12g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae c.62 BC. Diademed and short bearded bust facing, wearing spiral torque with central medallion, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ (S 35.7; Sunrise 330-331). Good extremely fine, well centred and struck on both sides. *Scarce.* $ 5,500

403 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.03g, 12h. Minted at Nisa c.62 BC. Diademed and short bearded bust facing, wearing spiral torque with central medallion, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 35.8). Good fine. *Rare.* $ 1,800

404 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver "mule" Drachm, 3.54g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae c.60 BC. Diademed and medium bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ (Arsaces XVI), full mintname [ΕΝ Ρ]ΑΓΑΙC to left (S 38.5/S 30.18). Good fine. *Unique.* $ 650

For the historical significance of this "mule" see: G.R.F. Assar "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 91-55 B.C.", *Parthica* 8 (2007/8), 55-104 (at 95).

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405 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.97g, 12h. Minted by Court at Ecbatana c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 38.4, obverse and reverse die link with lot 406). Extremely fine. $ 800

406 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.14g, 12h. Minted by Court at Ecbatana c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 38.4, obverse and reverse die link with lot 405). Extremely fine. $ 800

407 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.98g, 12h. Minted at Traxiane c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram T below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ, partially blundered (S 38.9). About very fine. *Rare.* $ 800

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408 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.87g, 12h. Minted at Margiane c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 38.10 var, composite monogram). Extremely fine/about very fine. *Rare.* $ 950

409 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.15g, 12h. Minted at Artemita c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 38.13; Sunrise 336). About extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 450

410 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.01g, 12h. Minted at Susa c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 38.15). About very fine/extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 450

411 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.97g, 12h. Minted at Susa c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed and long bearded bust left, wearing pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 38.16). About very fine. *Scarce.* $ 450

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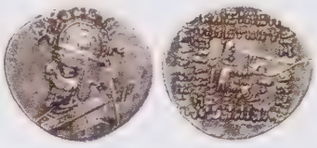
412 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.79g, 11h. Minted at Ecbatana c.62/1-58/7 BC. Long bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a horn on side and a row of recumbent stags around the crest, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 39.2; Sunrise 340). About extremely fine. $ 450

413 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.79g, 12h. Minted at Kangavar c.62/1-58/7 BC. Long bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a horn on side and a row of recumbent stags around the crest, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 39.8). About very fine. *Scarce.* $ 450



414 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.92g, 12h. Minted at Traxiane c. 62/1-58/7 BC. Long bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a horn on side and a row of recumbent stags around the crest, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram T below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 39.11). About very fine, uniform dark tone. *Very rare.* $ 800

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415 Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.35g, 11h. Minted at an uncertain east Parthian workshop c.62/1-58/7 BC. Long bearded bust left in diadem bound tiara, decorated with a horn on side and a row of recumbent stags around the crest, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, no monogram below bow, six-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC partly truncated and blundered (S 39 var). About very fine, uniform dark tone. *Extremely rare.* $ 650

416 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.13g, 11h. Minted at Ecbatana c. 58/7-56 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, letters B and T behind head and above throne back respectively, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 40.2; Sunrise 348). About extremely fine. $ 650

417 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.10g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart c. 58/7-56 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and partly blundered (S 40.3; Sunrise 349). Extremely fine. $ 450

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418 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.09g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae c. 58/7-56 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram above bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΩϹ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡϹΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥϹ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟϹ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟϹ stylised and partly blundered (S 40.5; Sunrise 351). Extremely fine. $ 650

419 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.07g, 12h. Minted at Kangavar c. 58/7-56 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram K below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΩϹ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡϹΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥϹ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟϹ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟϹ stylised (S 40.8; Sunrise 352). Very fine. *Scarce.* $ 800

420 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.94g, 12h. Minted at Margiane c. 58/7-56 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram Π below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΩϹ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡϹΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥϹ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟϹ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟϹ stylised and partly blundered (S 40.13; Sunrise 353). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 800

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421 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.71g, 12h. Minted at Traxiane c. 58/7-56 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram T below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΩϹ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡϹΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥϹ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟϹ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟϹ stylised and partly blundered (S 40.14). Good fine, uniform dark tone. *Very rare.* $ 450

422 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.99g, 12h. Minted at Susa c. 58/7-56 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΩϹ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡϹΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥϹ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟϹ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟϹ stylised and mostly blundered (S 40.16 var, different monogram). About very fine. *Rare.* $ 650

423 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.06g, 1h. Minted at Rhagae c. 56/5 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram above bow, eight-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΩϹ ΒΑϹΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡϹΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥϹ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟϹ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟϹ stylised and partly blundered (S 41.7). About very fine, dark tone. $ 450

424 Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.94g, 1h. Minted by Court at Rhagae c. 55 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem and segmented necklet, crescent above star behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, eight-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΛΙΟΛ (probably ΥΙΟΥ) ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΦΡΑΑΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΕΠΙΚΑΛΟΥΜΕΝΟΥ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC Γ[...] stylised and partly blundered (S 41.17). About very fine, dark tone. *Extremely rare.* $ 4,000

The inscription on this extremely rare issue, minted about the end of the reign of Mithradates IV when his brother, Orodes II, mounted a challenge for the Arsacid throne, was probably intended to read ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΚΑΛΟΥΜΕΝΟΥ ΥΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΑΤΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, "(the coin of) King of King Arsaces, who is called son of Phraates, the Beneficent, Illustrious (and) Philhellene". It clearly shows political uncertainty and mint officials' lack of commitment to either party.

425 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.84g, 12h. Minted by Court at Mithradatkart c.55 BC. Short bearded bust left, wearing single banded diadem, spiral torque with no visible end, Nike in crowning attitude behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡOC ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and partly blundered (S 42.2 var, different mint; Sunrise 360 var, different mint). About very fine, uniform dark tone. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,800

This issue was minted, after about two years of fraternal power struggle, to celebrate Orodes' victory over his brother, Mithradates IV.

426 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.68g, 12h. Minted at Susa. Short bearded bust left, wearing single banded diadem, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC, stylised, partly abbreviated and mostly blundered (S 45.20). About extremely fine, uniform dark tone. *Scarce.* $ 1,800

The obverse of this coin was illustrated on the cover of the second edition of Sellwood's *An Introduction to the Coinage of Parthia* in 1980.

427 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.06g, 12h. Minted at Areia. Short bearded bust left, wearing single banded diadem, pellet ended spiral torque, star in front, crescent behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram A below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝOC, stylised and almost totally blundered (S 47.13). About extremely fine, uniform dark tone. *Scarce.* $ 650

428 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Drachms, 4.02g, 12h. Minted at Susa. Short bearded bust left, wearing single banded diadem, pellet ended spiral torque, rosette in front, crescent behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, letter A above his arm, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝOC, stylised and mostly blundered (S 47.21). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 650

429 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.93g, 1h. Minted at Rhagae. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, Nike in crowing attitude behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and totally blundered (S 50.15). Good very fine, dark tone. *Very rare.* $ 2,200

430 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.97g, 12h. Minted at Laodicea. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, Nike in crowing attitude behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and mostly blundered (S 50.15 var, different mint). About extremely fine, darkly toned. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,800

431 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.87g, 11h. Minted at Ecbatana. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 51.44). About very fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 700

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432 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.64g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, wreath carrying eagle behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 52.10). Good very fine. $ 450

433 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.87g, 11h. Minted at Ecbatana. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, wreath carrying eagle behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 52.10). Good very fine, toned. $ 650

434 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 4.00g, 1h. Minted at Rhagae. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, wreath carrying eagle behind head, star in front, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, star behind head, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and mostly blundered (S 53.6). About extremely fine, toned. $ 650

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435 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.88g, 1h. Minted at Rhagae. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, wreath carrying eagle behind head, star in front, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, star behind head, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and totally blundered (S 53.6). About very fine, toned. $ 450

436 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver altered Drachm, 3.88g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, wreath carrying eagle behind head removed from coin, star in front, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, star behind head, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and mostly blundered (S 53.6 var). Good fine, toned. *Rare.* $ 650

437 Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC), Silver Drachm, 3.52g, 1h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Medium bearded bust left, wearing double banded diadem, segmented necklet, wart on forehead, wreath carrying eagle behind head, crescent in front, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, eagle behind head, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and totally blundered (S 54.14). Very fine, toned. $ 400

438 Vonones I (c. AD 8-12), Silver Drachm, 3.92g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long, tapering and square ended beard, short hair, ear and earring visible, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, spiral torque, around, two-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΥϹ ΟΝωΝΗϹ, dotted border. Rev. Nike walking right, holding palm branch in right hand, monogram in front, four-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΥϹ ΟΝωΝΗϹ ΝΕΙΚΗϹΑϹ ΑΡΤΑΒΑΝΟΝ, stylised (S 60.5; Sunrise 407). Good very fine, reverse slightly double struck. $ 450

439 Vonones I (c. AD 8-12), Silver Drachm, 3.92g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Bust left with long, tapering and square ended beard, short hair, ear and earring visible, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, spiral torque, around, two-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΥϹ ΟΝωΝΗϹ, dotted border. Rev. Nike walking right, holding palm branch in left hand, monogram in front, four-line inscription ΒΑϹΙΛΕΥϹ ΟΝωΝΗϹ ΝΕΙΚΗϹΑϹ ΑΡΤΑΒΑΝΟΝ, stylised (S 60.6; Sunrise 408). About extremely fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 1,200

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440 Artabanus IV (c. AD 10-38), Billon Drachm, 3.75g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Bust left with long and rectangular beard, hair almost straight, earring visible, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, spiral torque, star over crescent in front, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ totally blundered and reduced to a series of meaningless characters (S 63.12 (Artabanus II)). Very fine, toned. $ 250

441 Vardanes I (c. AD 38-46), Silver Drachm, 3.87g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with short and pointed beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, hair in three distinct waves, three lines on brow, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 64.31; Sunrise 414). Very fine, toned. $ 300

442 Gotarzes II (c. AD 44-51), Silver Drachm, 3.84g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long and rectangular beard, hair in three distinct waves, horizontal line on brow, earring visible, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 65.33). Good very fine, toned. $ 450

443 Gotarzes II (c. AD 44-51), Silver Drachm, 3.73g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long and rectangular beard, hair almost straight, horizontal line on brow, earring visible, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕωΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΗΥΟC ΚΕΚΑΛΟΥΜΕΝΟC ΓωΤΕΡΖΗC ΑΡΤΑΒΑΝΟΥ stylised and partly blundered (S 66.4). About very fine, toned, . *Extremely rare.* $ 1,000

The inscription on this extremely rare issue was probably meant to read "King of Kings Arsaces, Gotarzes, Who is Called (or Nicknamed) Son of Artabanus". However, the occasion for the minting of such an unusual output with the personal name of the reigning king and his "filial" association with Artabanus IV is unknown.

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444 Meherdates (AD 49-50), Silver Drachm, 3.80g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust facing, short beard, wart over right brow, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and tiara with lateral motif a horn, six pointed star at each side, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 67.1 (Vonones II); Sunrise 417-418). Good very fine, reverse slightly double struck. $ 650

445 Vardanes II (AD 54/5-58), Silver Drachm, 3.60g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left, semicircular bottom to beard, hair wavy, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and five pendant ends, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 69.13; Sunrise 421). About very fine, toned. $ 400

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446 Vologases I (c. AD 50-77/8), Silver Drachm, 2.89g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left, with medium, rectangular but tapering beard, hair in five distinct waves, wart on brow, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 70.14; Sunrise 424; Sinisi, SNP 7, 111 (this coin)). About very fine, toned. $ 300

447 Vologases I (c. AD 50-77/8), Silver Drachm, 3.50g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left, with medium, rectangular but tapering beard, hair in five distinct waves, wart on brow, two Aramaic letters *wl* (for *Wlgšy* = Vologases) behind head, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 71.1; Sinisi, SNP 7 (not included)). About extremely fine, toned. $ 300

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448 Vologases I (c. AD 50-77/8), Silver Drachm, 3.58g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left, with medium, rectangular but tapering beard, hair in five distinct waves, wart on brow, Arsacid symbol behind head, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 71.2; Sunrise 423; Sinisi, SNP 7, 529 (this coin)). Good fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 650

449 Vologases II (AD 76/7-79), Silver Drachm, 3.42g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with "hooks" on crest and a horn on side, quadrant bottom to beard, ear and earring visible, Aramaic letters *wl* (for *Wlgšy* = Vologases) behind head, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and partly blundered (S 72.8; Sunrise 428; Sinisi, SNP 7, 803 (this coin)). Extremely fine/about very fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

450 Vologases II (AD 76/7-79), Silver Drachm, 3.70g, 1h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with "hooks" on crest and a horn on side, quadrant bottom to beard, ear and earring visible, Aramaic letters *wl* (for *Wlgšy* = Vologases) behind head removed from coin, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and partly blundered (S 72.10; Sinisi, SNP 7, 791 (this coin)). About very fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 800

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451 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.83g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Beardless bust left, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 73.11; Sunrise 431; Sinisi, SNP 7, 1009 (this coin)). About extremely fine, toned. $ 650

452 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.58g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Beardless bust left, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, earring visible, Aramaic letters *pk* (for *Pkwr* = Pacorus) behind head, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and mostly blundered (S 73.13; Sinisi, SNP 7, 866 (this coin)). About very fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 950

453 Artabanus V (AD 79/80-85), Silver altered Drachm, 3.82g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long and rectangular beard, cut away to triangular shape on coin, hair almost straight, earring visible, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and three pendent ends, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 74.7 (Artabanus III); Sinisi, SNP 7, 903 (this coin)). Good very fine. $ 650

454 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.64g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with short beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, hair in three waves, earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and partly blundered (S 75.7; Sunrise 432; Sinisi, SNP 7, 1156 (this coin)). Good very fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 1,400

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455 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.57g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with quadrant lower part to beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and three pendent ends, spiral torque, earring visible, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 78.1 (Vologases III)). Good very fine, toned. *Scarce.* $ 650

456 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.77g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with medium pointed beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and three pendent ends, spiral torque, earring visible, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 78.2 (Vologases III)). About extremely fine. $ 150

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457 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.84g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and three pendent ends, spiral torque, earring visible, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 78.5 (Vologases III)). Extremely fine, toned. $ 250

458 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.83g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and three pendent ends, spiral torque, earring visible, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 78.7 (Vologases III)). About extremely fine, toned. $ 250

459 Pacorus I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.75g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and three pendent ends, spiral torque, earring visible, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, star and monogram above and below bow respectively, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 78.7 (Vologases III)). Good extremely fine, toned. $ 400

460 Osroes I (AD 78-120), Silver Drachm, 3.80g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, hair in bunches above diadem and behind ears, wearing double banded diadem with double loop and three pendent ends, spiral torque, earring visible, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 80.1; Sunrise 443). Extremely fine, toned. *Scarce.* $ 1,200

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461 Mithradates V (c. AD 128-147), Silver Drachm, 3.75g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, wearing single banded diadem with double loop and two pendent ends, spiral torque, earring visible, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *Mtrdt* MLK' (King Mithradates), followed by a six-line stylised "Greek" inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised (S 82.1 (Mithradates IV); Sunrise 450). Good very fine, toned. $ 250

462 Unknown King (c. AD 140), Silver Drachm, 3.61g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana(?). Bust left, with long pointed beard, wearing double banded diadem with triple loop and four pendent ends, hair in three waves, spiral torque. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, seven-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ stylised and totally blundered (S 83.1). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 800

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463 Vologases IV (AD 147-191), Silver Drachm, 3.75g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long, tapering and square cut beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps, decorated with "hooks" on crest, ear and earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *Wlgšy* MLK' (King Vologases), followed by a six-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 84.127). About extremely fine, toned. $ 220

464 Vologases IV (AD 147-191), Silver Drachm, 3.72g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long, tapering and square cut beard, wearing double banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps, decorated with "hooks" on crest, ear and earring visible, spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, pellet above arm, monogram below bow, Aramaic *Wlgšy* MLK' (King Vologases), followed by a six-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ (S 84.128; Sunrise 452). About extremely fine, toned. $ 220

465 Vologases V (AD 191-207/8), Silver Drachm, 3.70g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust facing, pointed beard, wearing single banded diadem with two solid pendent ends, hair in bunches above diadem and behind ears, necklet as straight lines, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *Wlgšy* MLK' (King Vologases), followed by a four-line "Greek" inscription, composed of meaningless characters (S 86.3). Good fine, toned. *Rare.* $ 800

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466 Vologases VI (AD 207/8-221/2), Silver Drachm, 3.68g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, wearing single banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps, decorated with pearls on stalk around crest and vertically on side, two Aramaic letters *wl* (for *Wlgšy* = Vologases) behind head, two pendent ends to diadem, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *Wlgšy* MLK' (King Vologases,) followed by a four-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription, composed of meaningless characters (S 88.18). Extremely fine, toned. $ 150

467 Vologases VI (AD 207/8-221/2), Silver Drachm, 3.60g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, wearing single banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps, decorated with pearls on stalk around crest and vertically on side, two Aramaic letters *wl* (for *Wlgšy* = Vologases) behind head, two pendent ends to diadem, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *Wlgšy* MLK' (King Vologases,) followed by a four-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription, composed of meaningless characters (S 88.19; Sunrise 459). Extremely fine, toned. $ 150

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468 Vologases VI (AD 207/8-221/2), Silver Drachm, 3.86g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with long pointed beard, wearing single banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps bent horizontal at bottom, decorated with pearls on stalk around crest and vertically on side, two Aramaic letters *wl* (for *Wlgšy* = Vologases) behind head, two pendent ends to diadem, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *Wlgšy* MLK' (King Vologases,) followed by a four-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription, composed of meaningless characters (S 88.22). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 950

469 Artabanus VI (AD 212-224/227), Billon Drachm, 3.60g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with forked beard, wearing single banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps, decorated with pearls on stalk around crest and vertically on side, two Aramaic letters *'r* (for *'rtbnw* = Artabanus) behind head, two pendent ends to diadem, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *'rtbnw* MLK' (King Artabanus) followed by a four-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription, composed of meaningless characters (S 89.1 (Artabanus IV); Sunrise 461). Extremely fine, toned. *Rare.* $ 650

470 Artabanus VI (AD 212-224/227), Billon Drachm, 3.43g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana c. AD 224 or 227, probably by the leader of a partisan camp opposing the Sasanian founder Ardashir I. Bust left with forked beard, wearing single banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps, decorated with pearls on stalk around crest and vertically on side, two Aramaic letters *'r* (for *'rtbnw* = Artabanus) behind head, two pendent ends to diadem, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *'rtbnw* MLK' (King Artabanus) followed by a second line in Aramaic, probably reading *tr'dt* (Tiradates?) and a three-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription, composed of meaningless characters (S 89.4 (Artabanus IV)). Extremely fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

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471 Artabanus VI (AD 212-224/227), Billon Drachm, 3.58g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Bust left with forked beard, wearing single banded diadem with double loop, and tiara with earflaps, decorated with pearls on stalk around crest, eight-pointed star on side within a circular row of pearls, two pendent ends to diadem, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, Aramaic *'rtbnw* MLK' (King Artabanus) followed by a four-line stylised and totally blundered "Greek" inscription, composed of meaningless characters (S 90.1 (Artabanus IV); Sunrise 462). About extremely fine, both sides slightly double struck, toned. *Very rare.* $ 650

472 Phriapatius (185-170 BC), Silver Diobol (or possibly Hemidrachm), 1.71g, 12h. Minted at Hekatompylos(?). Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, two-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ (left) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (right) (S 9.6 (Mithradates I)). Good fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 150

On the attribution to Phriapatius of this issue see the works cited under lot 328.

473 Phriapatius (185-170 BC) to Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Period 172-148 BC, Silver Obol, 0.62g, 12h. Minted at Hekatompylos(?). Diademed bust left in bashlyk, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (S 10.19 (Mithradates I)). Good fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 150

474 Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Obol, 0.72g, 7h. Minted at Ecbatana. Diademed and bearded bust right, reel-and-pellet border. Rev. Long bearded bust right in bashlyk (Bagāyāsh/Bagasis), three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (S 12.5). Good fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 250

The long bearded bust clad in bashlyk on the reverse of this small denomination is that of Bagāyāsh (Bagasis), brother of Mithradates I. He was appointed governor of Media Magna and Atropatene after Mithradates defeated their resident Seleucid satrap and conquered these important provinces about summer – autumn 148 BC. The Armenian sources refer to Bagāyāsh as Valarsaces and take him as their first monarch. For further reading and identification with Bagāyāsh of the effigy on the reverse of this and related S12 varieties, see: Assar G.R.F., "A Revised Parthian Chronology of the Period 165-91 B.C.", Electrum 11 (2006), 87-158 (at 89-90).

475 Mithradates I (164-132 BC), Silver Obol, 0.57g, 12h. Minted at Hekatompylos(?). Bare-headed, diademed and bearded bust left, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (S 11.1). Good fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 250

476 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Obol, 0.49g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana(?). Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, three-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ (left) ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (above) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ (left) (S 15.5). Good fine, toned. *Extremely rare.* $ 450

477 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Hemidrachm, 2.33g, 12h. Minted at an uncertain workshop. Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.25 for Hemidrachm). Fine, toned. *Extremely rare (possibly unique).* $ 280

478 Phraates II (132-127 BC), Silver Obol, 0.60g, 12h. Minted c.127 BC at Margiane (Merv) or Areia (Heart). Short-bearded and diademed bust left, wearing radiate crown, single turn torque, dotted border. Rev. Nike walking right, palm branch over left shoulder, semicircular talisman in outstretched right hand, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ (right) ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΘΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ (left) (S 16.25 var, different obverse and reverse designs). Good fine, toned. *Extremely rare, one of only two known specimens.* $ 800

On the historical significance of this issue see: Sellwood D. G., "Parthians and Scythians" in Amal Kumar Jha and Sanjay Grag (eds.), Ex Moneta. Essays on Numismatic, History and Archaeology in Honour of Dr. David W. MacDowell. Volume 1. New Delhi (1998), 97-102 [at 87, fig. 2 (this coin)].

Sellwood argues that the radiate crown worn by Phraates II on this issue would have looked familiar to the Greek captives from the ill-fated expedition of Antiochus VII in 130 BC, ending with the defeat and death of the Seleucid king in 129 BC. At the same time, the object carried by Nike, a semi-circular arc, was of great significance to the Scythian nomads living beyond Parthia's northeast frontiers, since it had a religion or regal implication for them. If these two aspects of the coin's symbolism are correctly interpreted, the fact that it was attempting to cater for the Greeks and the Sacae implies that they were both in Phraates' employment at the same time and so would not have been fighting against one another. This is in contradiction to the classical literary sources that attribute the death of the Parthian king in 127 BC to the defection of the Greek captives to the Scythians against whom Phraates had waged war in 129 BC.

479 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Hemidrachm, 1.92g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana(?). Diademed and medium bearded bust left, single turn spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, four-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ (S 24.32). Good fine, darkly toned. *Extremely rare.* $ 450

480 Mithradates II (121-91 BC), Silver Hemidrachm, 1.91g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana(?). Diademed and long bearded bust left, griffin ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, five-line inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, mostly off the flan (S 27 var). Good fine, toned. *Extremely rare.* $ 300

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481 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Obol, 0.56g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Short bearded bust left, wart on brow, wearing single banded diadem, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, four-line inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚΟΥ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ, partly blundered (S 48.15). Good fine, toned. *Very rare.* $ 300

482 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Obol, 0.56g, 12h. Minted at Rhagae. Short bearded bust left, wart on brow, wearing single banded diadem, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, four-line unintelligible inscription ΒΑΣΙΛ ΒΑΣΙΛΥ ΕΥΕΛΥ? ΦΙΛCΛΛ (S 48.16). Good fine, darkly toned. *Very rare.* $ 300

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483 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Obol, 0.54g, 12h. Minted at Mithradatkart. Short bearded bust left, wart on brow, wearing single banded diadem, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, four-line unintelligible inscription ΒΑΛΕΩΣ? ΑΙCΛΥΝ? ΠΛΛCΙV? [… traces] (S 48 var, unrecorded mint). Good fine, darkly toned. *Very rare.* $ 300

484 Orodes II (c. 57-38 BC), Silver Diobol, 1.13g, 12h. Minted at Ecbatana. Short bearded bust left, wart on brow, palm branch in front, wearing single banded diadem, pellet ended spiral torque, dotted border. Rev. Archer enthroned right, monogram below bow, four-line blundered inscription ΒΑCΙΛΕΩC ΒΑCΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡCΑΚ[ΟΥ] [ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ] (S 48.14). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 450

485 Anonymous, c.225-217 BC, Æ Aes Grave As, 275.3g. Mint of Rome. Head of bearded Janus on raised disk. Rev. Prow of galley right, I above, all on raised disk (ICC 74; Thurlow & Vecchi 51; Crawford 35/1; HN Italy 337). Pleasing dark brown and reddish-green patina, choice very fine. $ 1,500

ex estate of Arthur "Buck" Briscoe, descendent of the Lee's of Virginia ("Light-Horse" Harry Lee) and the Howard family of Maryland (John Eager Howard). Found in one of 100 banker's boxes stored in a barn, containing the household possessions of Buck Briscoe. Never before offered for sale.

486 T. Quinctius Flaminius (126 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.97g. Mint of Rome. Head of Roma right, wearing winged helmet ornamented with griffin's head, flamen's cap behind, denomination below chin. Reverse T Q below, ROMA in exergue, the Dioscuri on horseback galloping right, each holding spear and shield, Macedonian shield below (Crawford 267/1; Sydenham 505; Quinctia 2). Boldly struck and perfectly centred, attractively toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Swiss Bank Auction 33, 22 September 1993, lot 499
ex Goodman Collection, CNG Auction 43, 24 September 1997, lot 1602
ex Roma II Auction, 2 October 2011, lot 409

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487 C. Cassius (126 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.98g. Mint of Rome. Head of Roma right, wearing winged helmet ornamented with griffin's head, denomination above voting urn. Rev. C CASSI ROMA in exergue, Libertas, holding pileus, sceptre and reins, driving galloping quadriga right (Crawford 266/1; Sydenham 502; Cassia 1). Well struck and superb, traces of lustre and delicately toned, nearly mint state. $ 1,000

ex Sternberg Auction XXXII, 28 October 1996, lot 172

488 L. Memmius (109/108 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.99g, 10h. Mint of Rome. Male head facing right, mark of value below chin. Rev. [L] MEMMI (in exergue), Dioscuri standing facing, between their horses, each holding a spear (Crawford 304/1; Sydenham 558; RBW 1145). Beautiful old iridescent cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 250

purchased from Spink & Son, London

489 L. Scipio Asiagenus (106 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.89g. Mint of Rome. Laureate head of Jupiter left, O and pellet in right field. Rev. L SCIP ASIAG in exergue, Jupiter, holding sceptre and reins, and hurling thunderbolt, driving galloping quadriga right (Crawford 311/1a; Sydenham 576; Cornelia 24b). Fine serrated edges, well struck and perfectly centred, all delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,300

ex Tkalec Auction, 27 February 2008, lot 45
ex Triton Auction XV, 3-4 January 2012, lot 1467

The reverse records the decisive victory over Antiochos III, the Great, of Syria in 190 BC by the moneyer's ancestor, L. Cornelius Scipio, and his ancestor's brother, Scipio Africanus, at the Battle of Magnesia. The victory resulted in Roman control over the internal affairs of much of Asia Minor, greatly adding to the domains administered directly by Rome and bringing her one step closer to total dominance of the entire Mediterranean region.

In his later career, this moneyer become co-consul with C. Norbanus in 83 BC, and raised two armies to oppose Sulla during the Second Civil War. He was no match for the wily dictator and his hardened legions, however, both of his armies deserted him, defecting to Sulla, without ever committing to battle.

490 L. Cornelius Sulla and L. Manlius Torquatus (82 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.86g, 8h. Mint of Rome. L MANLI T PRO Q, head of Roma facing right, helmeted. Rev. Triumphator, crowned by Victory, in quadriga right, holding the reins and a caduceus, L SVLLA IM in exergue (Crawford 367/3; Sydenham 759; RBW 1384; RCV 287). Struck on a broad flan, well-centred, lightly toned, extremely fine and a very good example. $ 700

This military issue bears the name of one of Sulla's officers, who later served as a consul in 65 BC.

491 Q. Caecilius Metellus Pius (81 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.68g. Mobile military mint with Sulla's army in northern Italy. Diademed head of Pietas right; to right, stork standing right. Rev. IMPER in exergue, jug and lituus within laurel wreath (Crawford 374/2; Sydenham 750; Caecilia 44). Well struck, well centred and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 1,750

ex Nomos Auction 5, 25 October 2011, lot 219

Q. Caecilius Metellus Pius came from one of the most important and wealthiest families of Rome. Beginning in the 3rd Century BC, his family held numerous consulships, tribunates, censorships and military commands. His father, Q. Caecilius Metellus Numidicus, was the chief commander in the Jugurthine War in Numidia until Marius displaced him, and was later censor until driven into exile by Marius. The obverse of this coin portrays the goddess Pietas and alludes to the moneyer's cognomen, Pius. The moneyer acquired the honorable title from the people of Rome, whom he had beseeched in order to secure the restoration of his father from exile. The reverse probably refers to an unattested augurate of the moneyer's father, but may also allude to Sulla's holding of the augurate in c.82 BC (cf Crawford p.374).

492 C. Poblicius Q F (80 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.65g. Mint of Rome. ROMA behind, draped bust of Roma right, wearing Phrygian helmet ornamented with plumes on sides, O above. Rev. C POBLICI Q F, Hercules standing left, strangling the Nemean lion, club between his feet, bow and quiver in left field, O above (Crawford 380/1; Sydenham 768; Poblicia 9). Boldly struck, well centred and lustrous, delicately toned, mint state. $ 2,000

ex Künker Auction 174, 9 September 2010, lot 534

Although the moneyer is unattested except for his coins, his family is well known for having built the small Aventine road, the Clivus Poblicius, as well as the temple of Flora, whose games they instituted in 241 BC. The types chosen by the moneyer for his coins should probably be viewed in light of Sulla's victories, but possibly there is a family connection as well. The reverse type showing Hercules strangling the Nemean lion may allude to the moneyer's family origins at Cora, where there was a famous temple to Hercules, and from Cora even further back to Argos and the valley of Nemea where Hercules killed the lion. The Phrygian helmet worn by Roma seems to be a simple artistic feature, with no further significance other than perhaps reflecting an awareness of Trojan origins.

493 L. Papius (79 BC), Silver Denarius, 4.00g. Mint of Rome. Head of Juno Sospita right, wearing goat skin headdress, amphora behind. Rev. L PAPI in exergue, griffin springing right, hydria below (Crawford 384/1 (symbols 2); Sydenham 773; Papia 1). Boldly struck and perfectly centred, amazing detail throughout and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare symbol.* $ 2,500

ex Triton Auction XV, 3-4 January 2012, lot 1472

Although the moneyer is unknown except for his coins, the coins are very popular with collectors for the interesting controls they display, which according to Crawford "are no more than a random selection of pairs of everyday objects" (p.399). Papius used two related symbols, one on the obverse die, the other on the reverse, to keep track of production and to control losses amongst the slaves at the mint. Each pair of controls only has one set of dies. On this particular coin the paired symbols are an amphora and a hydria, both related to wine, the amphora for storage and the hydria for mixing wine with water (unlike barbarians with the uncouth habit of consuming it undiluted, the Romans and Greeks always drank their wine mixed with water, often with the addition of spices or honey for flavoring).

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494 C. Hosidius C. F. Geta (64 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.85g. Mint of Rome. GETA before, III VIR behind, diademed and draped bust of Diana right, bow and quiver at shoulder. Rev. C HOSIDI C F, the wild board of Calydon charging right, side pierced by arrow, harried by hound below (Crawford 407/2; Sydenham 903; Hosidia 1). Boldly struck in high relief with attractive iridescent toning, superb extremely fine. $ 900

ex Meister & Sonntag Auction 6, 1 October 2008, lot 201

The classical myth of the Calydonian boar served to illustrate the need for paying proper respect to the gods and the consequences for not doing so. King Oeneus of Aetolia had forgotten to accord proper rites to the goddess Diana (Artemis), and for this sacrilege she sent a chthonic beast, the wild boar of Calydon, to ravage the Aetolian hinterland. The boar was the bane of the people, destroying vineyards and crops and forcing everyone to take shelter behind their city walls. With starvation ensuing, a hunt was organized, and most of the illustrious heroes of Greece's heroic age took part (with the exception of Hercules who fought his own chthonic beast, the Erymanthean boar). Amongst all these male heroes was one female, the heroine Atalanta, and she won the signal honor of being the first to wound the boar, having pierced its side with an arrow. For this she was awarded its hide. Although the precise meaning is lost to us, it can be assumed that Hosidius employed the type of the Caledonian boar to illustrate a claimed descent from one of the heroes involved in the hunt, perhaps from Atalanta herself.

495 L. Cassius Longinus (63 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.89g. Mint of Rome. Veiled and draped bust of Vesta left, S below chin, kylix behind. Rev. LONGIN III V, male figure standing left, dropping tablet inscribed V (Uti rogas) into cista (Crawford 413/1; Sydenham 935; Cassia 10). Well struck on a nice broad flan, well centred and lustrous, lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 900

ex CNG Auction 79, 17 September 2008, lot 939

This coin is interesting in that it appears to lack the personal and family names of the moneyer. However, appearances can be deceiving. On the obverse below the chin of Vesta is a control letter, and the only letters employed on this issue are C, A, S, I and L. If one collects enough coins of this moneyer, he can then spell the moneyer's name in full. But why might a moneyer do this? In the case of L. Cassius Longinus it appears to relate to the recent exposure and suppression of the Catiline conspiracy. One of the most notorious members of the conspiracy whose task it was to burn down the city of Rome was one L. Cassius Longinus, but not the same person as our moneyer!

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496 L. Aemilius (62 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.85g, 8h. Mint of Rome. PAVLLVS LEPIDVS CONCORDIA, head of Concordia facing right, diademed and veiled. Rev. TER, togate figure of L. Aemilius Paullus standing left, placing his right hand on a trophy, to the left of which stand King Perseus of Macedon and his two sons, PAVLLV[S] in exergue (Crawford 415/1; Sydenham 926; RBW 1497; RCV 366). Attractive iridescent toning, good very fine. $ 150

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 98, 22-25 November 2011, lot 5249

This moneyer was the elder brother of M. Aemilius Lepidus, who formed the Second Triumvirate with Antony and Octavian.

497 L. Aemilius Lepidus Paullus and L. Scribonius Libo (62 BC), Silver Denarius, 4.84g. Mint of Rome. PAVLLVS LEPIDVS CONCORD, diademed and veiled head of Concordia right. Rev. PVTEAL SCRIBON above, LIBO in exergue, garlanded well-head decorated with two lyres and hammer (Crawford 417/1a; Sydenham 927; Aemilia 11). Boldly struck, lustrous and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 700

ex Tkalec Auction, 27 October 2011, lot 152

Exceptional Quality Sulla Denarius

498 Faustus Cornelius Sulla (56 BC), Silver Denarius, 4.05g. Mint of Rome. FAVSTVS, diademed and draped bust of Diana right, crescent above, lituus behind. Rev. FELIX, Sulla seated left on raised platform between King Bocchus of Mauretania on left, presenting him with wreath, and King Jugurta of Numidia on right, hands bound behind him, both kneeling (Crawford 426/1; Sydenham 879; Cornelia 59). Struck on an exceptionally broad flan, lovely old cabinet toning, extremely fine. *A superb example of this very rare issue.* $ 3,000

ex Sternberg Auction XIX, 18 November 1987, lot 417
ex NAC Auction 73, 18 November 2013, lot 166

The moneyer of this coin was the son of the dictator Sulla. The reverse commemorates one of the most important events of his father's early career: the capture of Jugurtha. Jugurtha was a Numidian prince who had served in the Roman auxiliary cavalry, but who had come to blows with the Romans. Metellus Numidicus was given command to defeat Jugurtha, but Jugurtha was proving a wily adversary and through several campaigning seasons Numidicus was unable to defeat him. In 107 BC one of his legates, Marius, who disagreed with Numidicus' strategy for prosecuting the war, gained the consulship and also command in Numidia. However, Jugurtha was proving just as slippery for Marius as he had been for Numidicus. One of Marius' junior officers was Sulla, and he managed to capture Jugurtha through a ruse. He invited both Jugurtha and Bocchus, the King of Mauretania and Jugurtha's father-in-law, to a meeting. In advance of the meeting he had convinced Bocchus to betray Jugurtha, and when Jugurtha arrived unarmed his attendants were ambushed and Jugurtha was captured. Bocchus immediately handed him over to Sulla. Sulla had a signet ring engraved showing the event, and the reverse of this coin may be a direct copy of that signet ring.

High Quality Historic Sulla Denarius

499 Faustus Cornelius Sulla (56 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.79g. Mint of Rome. FEELIX, diademed bust of Hercules right, lion skin tied at neck. Rev. FAVSTVS in exergue, Diana, holding lituus and reigns, driving galloping biga right, crescent and two stars above, star below horses (Crawford 426/2; Sydenham 881a; Cornelia 60). Well struck on a broad flan with a bold portrait and a light iridescent tone, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 7,500

ex NAC Auction 73, 18 November 2013, lot 167

This splendid Denarius again records the feats of the moneyer's father, the dictator Sulla. The obverse recalls the magnificent public feast that Sulla gave in honor of Hercules after defeating Mithradates VI of Pontus, and his piety for dedicating a tenth of all his property to the hero. The reverse commemorates Sulla's defeat of Gaius Norbanus, who had been sent to oppose his return from the East. Sulla credited the goddess Diana with the outcome as it had occurred in an area sacred to her, and he consecrated a spring well-known for its healing powers as well as the surrounding neighborhood to the goddess.

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500 Q. Sicinius (49 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.63g, 12h. Mint of Rome. FORT P R, head of Fortuna populi Romani facing right, diademed. Rev. Q SICINIVS III-VIR, palm-branch tied with fillet and winged caduceus, a wreath above (Crawford 440/1; Sydenham 938; RBW 1555; RCV 410). Well-centred, beautiful old cabinet tone, about extremely fine. $ 700

501 Q. Sicinius and C. Coponius (49 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.70g. Military mint travelling in the East with Pompey, perhaps at Ephesus. Q SICINIVS III VIR, diademed head of Apollo right, star below. Rev. C COPONIVS PR S C, club of Hercules draped with lion skin, arrow in left field, bow in right field (Crawford 444/1a; HCRI 3; Sydenham 939; Sicinia 1). Well struck and well centred, the surfaces are lustrous with a touch of light tone, nearly mint state. $ 1,500

ex NAC Auction 59, 4-5 April 2011, lot 814

The moneyer Q. Sicinius struck this type with the praetor C. Coponius somewhere in the East after he fled along with the rest of the Pompeian senators. The club and lion's skin on the reverse resembles half- and quarter-cistophori that were struck in a number of eastern cities, including Apamea, Ephesus, Pergamum, Sardes and Tralles. The Roman proconsul held residence at Ephesus and it was perhaps there that this issue was struck.

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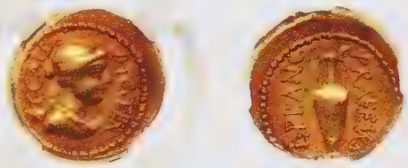
502 Julius Caesar, Silver Denarius, 3.8g, 48 BC. Military mint travelling with Caesar. Diademed and wreathed head of Pietas or Clementia(?) right, [LII] behind. Rev. CAE-SAR, trophy of Gallic arms, axe surmounted by an animal's head to right (Crawford 452/2; HCRI 11; Sydenham 1009; RSC 18). Slight area of weakness on the reverse, extremely fine. $ 1,500

503 L. Plautius Plancus (47 BC), Silver Denarius, 4.11g, 6h. Mint of Rome. L PLAVTIVS, head of Medusa facing. Rev. PLANCVS, Victory (or winged Aurora?) flying right, holding a palm-branch and leading the four horses of the sun (Crawford 453/1c; Sydenham 959b; RBW 1585; RCV 429). Reverse slightly off-centre, attractive old cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 1,750

ex The New York Sale XXIII, Markov / Baldwin / M&M, 6 January 2010, lot 107

504 Julius Caesar, Gold Aureus, 7.98g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck by A. Hirtius, 46 BC. C CAESAR COS TER, head of Vesta(?) facing right, veiled. Rev. A HIRTIVS P R, lituus, jug and axe (Crawford 466/1; Calicó 36; Sydenham 1018; RBW 1635; RCV 1395). Of attractive style for this issue, well-centred on a broad flan, toned, very fine. $ 6,000

505 Julius Caesar, Gold Aureus, 8.10g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck by A. Hirtius, 46 BC. C CAESAR COS TER, head of Vesta(?) facing right, veiled. Rev. A HIRTIVS P R, lituus, jug and axe (Crawford 466/1; Calicó 36; Sydenham 1018; RBW 1635; RCV 1395). Good style, well-centred on a broad flan with a clear border on both sides, toned, very fine. $ 5,000



506 Julius Caesar, Gold Aureus, 8.0g, 46-45 BC. Mint of Rome. L. Munatius Plancus, urban prefect. C CAES DICT TER, draped bust of Victory facing right. Rev. L PLANC PRAEF (VR)B, ewer (Crawford 475/1a; HCRI 60; Sydenham 1019; Calicó 45). In NGC holder graded choice very fine, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, pleasing antique rose colour toning. $ 5,000

A Lifetime Denarius of Julius Caesar

507 Julius Caesar, Silver Denarius, 3.93g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck by L. Aemilus Buca, lifetime issue, January to February 44 BC. CAESAR IM – P M, head of Julius Caesar facing right, wreathed, a crescent behind. Rev. L AEMILIVS BVCA, Venus standing left, holding Victory and a sceptre (Crawford 480/4; Sydenham 1060; RCV 1408). Struck on a very broad flan, with complete types and legends including a full border of dots on the obverse encircling the portrait, some slight double-striking (not affecting the portrait) and light bankers marks on obverse, some residual lustre, excellent portrait, extremely fine, a very good example of a lifetime Denarius of Julius Caesar. $ 6,000

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 88, 22-24 July 2008, lot 3508

508 Julius Caesar, Silver Denarius, 4.07g, 44 BC. Mint of Rome. M. Mettius, moneyer. CAESAR IMP, laureate head of Julius Caesar facing right. Rev. M METTIVS, Venus standing facing, head left, holding Victory and sceptre, resting elbow on shield set on globe behind her; in left field, A (Crawford 480/17; HCRI 101; Sydenham 1055; RSC 35). Bold portrait, lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 11,000

ex NAC Auction 23, 2002, lot 1418

In 44 BC the Senate honored Caesar with the right to place his portrait on the coinage. This presented a revolutionary change as never before had the effigy of a living Roman appeared on the coinage of the Republic (there is the instance of the exceedingly rare gold Staters of T. Quinctius Flamininus struck in Macedon 196 BC, but those are not Roman issues). Whether this was simply another honor bestowed by the Senate to appeal to Caesar's vanity or it implied his acceptance of the role of monarch is debated, but certainly the average Roman interpreted it as monarchical aspirations of the dictator: within three months Caesar was dead, struck down by the conspirators on the Ides of March, 44 BC.

Superb Portrait Denarius of Pompey

509 Sextus Pompey (son of Pompey the Great), Silver Denarius, 4.0g, 42-38 BC. Mint of Massilia. Q. Nasidius, commander of the fleet. NEPTVNI behind, bare head of Pompey the Great facing right, trident before, dolphin right below. Rev. Q NASIDIVS in exergue, galley with billowing sail and bank of rowers moving right, star in upper left field (Crawford 483/2; HCRI 235; Sydenham 1350; RSC 20 (Pompey the Great)). Delicately toned with traces of lustre, extremely fine with a fantastic portrait of Pompey. $ 10,000

Q. Nasidius was a Pompeian loyalist, having first served under Pompey unsuccessfully defending Massalia from the Caesarian forces under Decimus Brutus in 49 BC. Later he commanded the fleet of the Pompeian forces in north Africa until the disaster at Thapsus, after which he left for Spain to join with Pompey's son, Cn. Pompey Jr. He subsequently served as supreme naval commander under Sextus Pompey at Massilia, where this handsome coin was struck. Eventually Nasidius saw the futility of the Pompeian cause, deserting to Mark Antony where he fought at Actium in 31 BC.

510 P. Clodius Turrinus (42 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.63g, 6h. Mint of Rome. Head of Apollo facing right, laureate, a lyre behind. Rev. P CLODIVS M F, Diana standing facing, a bow and quiver over her shoulder, holding a lighted torch in each hand (Crawford 494/23; Sydenham 1117; RBW 1729; RCV 492). Well-centred, beautiful old cabinet tone, about extremely fine. $ 700

511 Julius Caesar, Silver Denarius, 4.04g, 42 BC. Mint of Rome. L. Mussidius Longus, moneyer. Wreathed head of Caesar facing right. Rev. L MVSS[IDIVS LONG]VS, rudder, cornucopiae on globe, winged caduceus, and apex (Crawford 494/39a; HCRI 116; Sydenham 1096a; RSC 29). Attractive old cabinet toning, extremely fine. $ 11,000

512 Sextus Pompey (son of Pompey the Great), Silver Denarius, 3.75g, 6h. Minted in Sicily, struck 42-40 BC. [M]AG PIVS IMP ITER, head of Pompey the Great facing right, a jug behind, a lituus before. Rev. [PRAEF] / CLAS ET ORAE / MARIT EX SC, Neptune standing left, his right foot on a prow, holding aplustre, the Catanean brothers stand on either side, each bearing a parent on his shoudlers (Crawford 511/3a; Sydenham 1344; RBW 1785; RCV 1392). With an excellent portrait of Pompey the Great, struck on good metal, a little soft in part otherwise about extremely fine, in a very good state of preservation. $ 1,500

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 98, 22-25 November 2011, lot 5273

Brutus Denarius with Famous Symbolic Reverse

513 Brutus, Silver Denarius, 3.82g, 42 BC. Military mint traveling with Brutus and Cassius in western Asia Minor or northern Greece. P. Servilius Casca Longus, moneyer. CASCA LONGVS, laureate and bearded head of Neptune facing right, trident below. Rev. BRVTVS IMP, Victory advancing right, breaking diadem tied with fillet and holding palm, broken sceptre below (Crawford 507/2; HCRI 212; Sydenham 1298; RSC 3). Boldly struck and well centred, needle sharp in detail, lustrous and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 12,500

ex Helios Auction 2, 25-26 November 2008, lot 221

On this splendid coin the image of Victory trampling upon a broken sceptre and tearing the diadem powerfully evoke the long tradition of Roman hatred for monarchical rule. It was rumored that Julius Caesar had inclined to become king, purportedly wearing red boots as the Roman kings had worn and having his statue placed next to those of the kings, and these were all used by the tyrannicides to justify his assassination. The obverse type of Neptune was an obvious choice for Casca, who was the commander of Brutus' fleet.

World Class Julius Caesar Portrait Denarius

514 Divus Julius Caesar, Silver Denarius, 4.10g, 40 BC. Mint of Rome. Q. Voconius Vitulus, moneyer. DIVI IVLI, laureate head of Julius Caesar facing right, lituus behind. Rev. Q VOCONIVS above, VITVLVS in exergue, bull-calf walking left (Crawford 526/2; HCRI 329; Sydenham 1132; RSC 46). Boldly struck and well centred on a full flan, lovely toned surfaces with hints of iridescense, nearly mint state, an exceptional portrait of Caesar. $ 80,000

ex C. K. Collection, Triton Auction XIV, 3 January 2011, lot 605

With the exception of a short period during the principate of Augustus, it is with the coins of Q. Voconius Vitulus and his colleague, Tiberius Sempronius Gracchus, in 40 BC that the long tradition of a college of moneyers producing currency at the Capitoline mint ended. The year before with the outcome of the Perusine War between Octavian and Lepidus still to be decided, the moneyers hedged their bets by using purposefully ambiguous types on their coins: M. Arrius Secundus' Denarii (Crawford 513/2 and 513/3) used an ancestors portrait that resembled Octavian; C. Numonius Vaala's aurei (Crawford 514/1) employed the head of Victory, the portrait of which is clearly Fulvia, Mark Antony's wife; and L. Servius Rufus' Denarii (Crawford 515/2) have an ancestor's portrait which is most obviously Brutus. In each case the choice of types could be argued to favor the winning side, whichever side that may be. By 40 BC, however, the Perusine War was safely behind Octavian who was now firmly in control of the West, and perhaps angered by these shenanigans at the mint he decided to bring it firmly under his own authority.

515 Mark Antony, Silver Denarius, 3.73g, 6h. Mint of Patrae(?), 32-31 BC. ANT AVG III VIR R P C, galley moving right, with rowers. Rev. LEG – II, legionary eagle between two standards (Crawford 544/14; Sydenham 1216; RBW 1838; RCV 1479). Attractive cabinet tone, nearly extremely fine. $ 300

ex Glendining's Auction, London, 11 July 1990, lot 84

Magnificent Fine Style Octavian Denarius

516 Octavian, Silver Denarius, 3.73g, 32-31 BC. Uncertain Italian mint (Rome?). Bare head of Octavian facing right. Rev. CAESAR DIVI F, Pax standing facing, head left, holding olive-branch and cornucopiae (RIC 252; HCRI 399; BMC 605-8; RSC 69). A magnificent portrait of fine style and fully struck on a full flan, lustrous and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *An exceptional example of this very rare issue.* $ 20,000

ex Alberto Campana Collection, NAC Aucion 64, 17-18 May 2012, lot 994

Exceptional Quality Augustus Denarius of Superb Style

517 Augustus (27 BC - AD 14), Silver Denarius, 3.72g. Mint of Caesaraugusta(?), c.19/8 BC. Head of Augustus facing right, wreathed with oak-leaves. Rev. CAESAR AVGVSTVS, two laurel branches (RIC 33a; BMC 352; RSC 47). Lovely old cabinet tone with hints of iridescense, a fantastic portrait of superb style struck on an exceptionally large flan, superb extremely fine. $ 30,000

ex Rauch Auction 82, 23 April 2008, lot 203
ex Alberto Campana Collection, NAC Auction 64, 17-18 May 2012, lot 1033

When Octavian was awarded the honorary title of Augustus in 27 BC investing him with supreme power, he was also given the right to decorate his door posts with laurel branches, a sign of martial victory, and the corona civica, an oak-wreath symbolizing the saving of a Roman life. In the case of Augustus, the laurel branches signified his victory over Mark Antony and Cleopatra at Actium, and the corona civica was awarded for saving the life of not one citizen but of many thousands when he successfully ending the civil wars. On this coin Augustus is portraying wearing the oak wreath crown - which occurs only occasionally on Roman coins - which by law he was required to do at every public gathering.

518 Augustus (27 BC - AD 14), Silver Denarius, 3.81g. Mint of Colonia Patricia(?), c.19/8 BC. CAESAR AVGVSTVS, bare head of Augustus facing right. Rev. OB CIVES above, SERVATOS below, oak wreath with ties upward (RIC 75a; BMC 376-7; RSC 210). Lovely antique grey cabinet tone, well centred with the portrait in high relief, extremely fine. $ 2,500

ex ANS Archer M. Huntington Collection, ANS 1001.1.24908.

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519 Augustus (27 BC - AD 14), Silver Denarius, 3.76g, 3h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck 15-13 BC. AVGVSTVS DIVI F, bare head facing right. Rev. IMP X (in exergue), bull butting right (RIC 167a; BMC 451; CBN 1373; RCV 1610). Broad flan, with a beautiful old cabinet tone, extremely fine, a very attractive coin. $ 800

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 85, 24-27 July 2007, lot 1489

520 Augustus (27 BC - AD 14), Silver Denarius, 3.72g, 3h. Mint of Rome, struck 15-13 BC. AVGVSTVS DIVI F, head facing right. Rev. IMP – X / SICIL, Diana standing facing, head turned right, leaning on a spear and holding a bow, a dog stands left at her feet (RIC 173a; BMC 463; RCV 1612). Dark iridescent tone, nearly extremely fine / good very fine. $ 1,600

Very Rare Augustus Denarius with Gaius on Reverse

521 Augustus (27 BC - AD 14), Silver Denarius. 3.83g. Mint of Lugdunum, 8 BC. AVGVSTVS DIVI F, laureate head of Augustus facing right. Rev. C CAES above, AVGVS F in exergue, Gaius Caesar on horseback galloping right, holding reins and sword, legionary eagle between two standards behind (RIC 199; Giard 69; BMC 500-2; RSC 40). Lustrous surfaces, virtually as struck with hints of golden iridescense, nearly mint state. *Very rare.* $ 15,000

ex Gorny & Mosch Auction 203, 5 March 2012, lot 316

The reverse shows Gaius Caesar, the eldest son of Agrippa and Julia and the grandson of Augustus, in his first campaigns in Gaul - at the tender age of 12.

522 Augustus (27 BC - AD 14), Æ As, 20.39g. Mint of Antioch in Syria, c.AD 4/5. IMP AVGVST TR POT, laureate head of Augustus facing right, AE monogram below neck. Rev. Large S C within laurel wreath (McAlee 206c; RPC 4260). Uniform brown patina, extremely fine. $ 1,000

523 Divus Augustus (d. AD 14), Æ Sestertius, 25.50g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck under Tiberius, AD 22-23. DIVVS AVGVSTVS PATER, Augustus, radiate and togate, enthroned left, his feet on a stool, holding a laurel-branch and a long sceptre, an altar on left. Rev. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVST P M TR POT XXIIII around large S C (RIC 49; BMC 74; BN 50; C 309; RCV 1782). A beautiful example, with a very well-detailed reverse, attractive dark brown patina, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 5,000

ex K. Kress, Münich, Auction 143, 1968, lot 441

524 Tiberius (AD 14-37), Gold Aureus, 7.95g, 9h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck c. AD 14-15. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS, head facing right, laureate. Rev. TR POT XVI, Tiberius standing in a slow quadriga right, holding a laurel-branch and an eagle-tipped sceptre, IMP VII in exergue (RIC 1; BMC 1; Calicó 307; C 45; RCV 1758). Good very fine, with an attractive portrait. *Rare.* $ 18,000

ex Archer M. Huntington Collection (HSA 30044)

525 Tiberius (AD 14-37), Silver Denarius, 3.7g. 'Tribute Penny'. Mint of Lugdunum, AD 36/7. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS, laureate head of Tiberius facing right. Rev. PONTIF MAXIM, Livia, as Pax, seated right on throne with ornate legs, resting feet on footstool, holding sceptre and olive branch (RIC 30; Lyon 154; BMC 48; RSC 16a). Lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 1,000

Highly Desirable Denarius of Caligula and Germanicus

526 Gaius Caligula (AD 37-41), with Germanicus, Silver Denarius, 3.54g. Mint of Lugdunum, AD 37/8. C CAESAR AVG GERM P M TR POT, laureate head of Gaius facing right. Rev. GERMANICVS CAES P C CAES AVG GERM, bare head of Germanicus facing right (RIC 18; Giard 172; BMC 19; RSC 2). Well struck and perfectly centred with all letters complete, delicate antique toning, extremely fine. $ 20,000

ex NAC Auction 25, 25 June 2003, lot 362
ex The Millennia Collection, Goldberg Auction 46, 26 May 2008, lot 84

Germanicus was the son of Nero Claudius Drusus and Antonia, the daughter of Mark Antony, and was born in 15 BC. A scion of the Julio-Claudian dynasty, he also became one of Rome's most successful and beloved generals, having avenged Varus' defeat at the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest, retrieving two of the three lost standards and inflicting heavy defeats against Arminius, the protagonist in Varus campaign. He was not as successful in the field of politics, however, having inadvertently usurped the imperial prerogative on more than one occasion. The most egregious instance was his ordering the recall of the governor of Syria, Gnaeus Calpurnius Piso, for having cancelled some of the arrangements for the settlement of Cappadocia and Commagene that Germanicus had ordered. Shortly after this episode, Germanicus fell severely ill and died at Antioch. Suspicion immediately fell on Piso, and it was thought that he had poisoned Germanicus at the instigation of Tiberius who was suspicious of Germanicus' popularity. The truth was never discovered, however, as Piso reportedly took his own life during the course of his trial (Tacitus believed Tiberius may have had him murdered before he could implicate the emperor in Germanicus' death).

527 Caligula (AD 37-41), Æ As, 11.00g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 37-38. C CAESAR AVG GERMANICVS PON M TR POT, bare head facing left. Rev. VESTA, S-C, Vesta enthroned left, holding a patera and a sceptre (RIC 38; BMC 46; RCV 1803). Brown tone, good very fine. $ 500

528 Claudius (AD 41-54), Æ Sestertius, 23.94g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 41-42. [TI] CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP, head facing right, laureate. Rev. EX SC / O B / CIVES / SERVATOS, within an oak-wreath (RIC 96; BMC 115; C 39; RCV 1849). Tiber patina, light porosity to surfaces, good portrait, good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 750

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 86, 21-23 November 2007, lot 3785

529 Claudius (AD 41-54), Æ Sestertius, 30.6g. Mint of Rome, c.AD 41/2. TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP, laureate head of Claudius facing right. Rev. SPES AVGVSTA, S C in exergue, Spes advancing left, holding flower and raising hem of skirt (RIC 99; BMC 124-8; BN 165-72). Struck on a nice broad flan, dark brown patina, choice very fine. $ 2,000

530 Claudius (AD 41-54), Æ As, 11.13g, 4h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 42. TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP P P, bare head facing left. Rev. CONSTANTIAE AVGVSTI, S-C, Constantia, in military dress, standing left, raising right hand and holding a sceptre (RCV 1858 (this coin illustrated); RIC 111; BMC 199; C 14). Brown patina, with an excellent portrait, extremely fine and in a very good state of preservation. $ 900

This coin is illustrated in David Sear's '*Roman Coins and their Values*'. Vol 1 (London, 2000), p.367, 1858.

An Exceptional Sestertius of Claudius

531 Claudius (AD 41-54), Æ Sestertius, 30.88g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 42-43. TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP P P, head facing right, laureate. Rev. EX S C / P P / OB CIVES / SERVATOS within an oak-wreath (RIC 112; BMC 185; BN 207; Von Kaenel 1761 (this coin); RCV 1850). An exceptional Sestertius with a superb portrait and a beautiful rich red-brown patina, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 8,000

ex O. Helbing, Münich, Auction 83, 1941, lot 653

An Attractive Denarius of Claudius

532 Claudius (AD 41-54), Silver Denarius, 3.8g. Mint of Rome, AD 51/2. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG P M TR P XI IMP P P COS V, laureate head of Claudius facing right. Rev. PACI AVGVSTAE, Nemesis advancing right, pulling fold of her robe below neck, holding winged caduceus downwards with which she points at serpent before her (RIC 62; BMC 69; RSC 68). Perfectly centred on both sides with full legends, extremely attractive with lovely iridescent toning, extremely fine. $ 7,500

ex Leu Auction 86, 5 May 2003, lot 765
ex C. K. Collection, Triton Auction XIV, 3 January 2011, lot 648

The goddess Nemesis represented divine retribution and just fortune, and, according to the poet Mesomedes, was the daughter of Justitia. She was often invoked before a military campaign where it was customary to offer a sword in her honor. Her appearance on imperial coins is uncommon, mainly occurring under Claudius and Hadrian. She is normally, but not always, depicted winged, as here, and often pulls a fold of drapery from her neck so that she can spit into her bosom (Meleager Anthologia Graeca XII.229).

Exquisite Nero Claudius Drusus Denarius

533 Nero Claudius Drusus (father of Claudius and Germanicus, brother of Tiberius, d. 9 BC), Silver Denarius, 3.80g. Mint of Rome, under Claudius, c. AD 41-45. NERO CLAVDIVS DRVSVS GERMANICVS IMP, laureate head of Nero Claudius Drusus left. Rev. Triumphal arch surmounted by equestrian statue left between two trophies, DE GERMANIS on architrave (RIC 72; BMC 101; RSC 4). Well struck on a large wide flan with every letter complete, a marvellous portrait of Nero Claudius Drusus, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. *Very rare and among the finest specimens known.* $ 30,000

ex Tkalec Auction, 29 February 2000, lot 234
ex NAC Auction 29, 11 May 2005, lot 466
ex NAC Auction 62, 6 October 2011, lot 2018

Nero Claudius Drusus was the son of Livia and the senator Tiberius Claudius Nero. Before he was born his parents divorced so that Augustus could marry his mother. Unlike his older brother, the future emperor Tiberius whom Augustus disliked, the emperor doted on his younger stepson.

In 13 BC Drusus was sent to govern Gaul, and while there he repelled an attack by a tribe of Germans who had invaded the province. Most of the following years until his death were spent on campaigns in German territory. First, he crossed the Rhine frontier and penetrated as far as the North Sea, subduing the Frisii. The following years saw him engaged against various confederations of the Chatti, Sicambri and Marcomanni. He died tragically in 9 BC from injuries he sustained when he fell from his horse while on campaign fighting the Marcomanni.

The Arch of Drusus that appears on the reverse of this coin and which commemorated his campaigns in Germania has not survived. Its precise location is not known, but it was on the Appian way.

534 Nero Claudius Drusus (father of Claudius and Germanicus, brother of Tiberius, d. 9 BC), Æ Sestertius, 29.96g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck under Claudius, c. AD 42-43. NERO CLAVDIVS DRVSV GERMANICVS IMP, head facing left. Rev. TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP P P / S C, Claudius, togate, seated left on a curule chair, holding a branch and a roll; weapons and armour lay around (RIC (Claudius) 109; BMC 208; von Kaenel type 72; RCV 1897). Some light smoothing in fields, with a very well-struck and clear reverse, dark patina, good very fine / extremely fine. $ 6,000

One of the Finest Known Denarii of Antonia

535 Antonia (mother of Claudius), Silver Denarius, 3.85g. Rome, under Claudius, c. AD 41-45. ANTONIA AVGVSTA, draped bust of Antonia facing right, hair tied in short queue at back of neck, wreathed with grain ears. Rev. CONSTANTIAE AVGVSTI, Antonia, as Constantia, standing facing, holding long torch and cornucopiae (RIC 66; BMC 111; RSC 2). An incredible example, boldly struck in high relief, on a full size flan and perfectly centred, excellent metal and attractive old cabinet toning, superb extremely fine. *Among the finest in existence.* $ 30,000

ex Fred Baldwin Collection, Glendining's, 20 November 1969, lot 35
ex Tradart Auction, 12 December 1991, lot 251

Antonia was the younger daughter of Mark Antony and Octavia in 36 BC. In either 18 or 16 BC, she married Nero Claudius Drusus, to whom she bore three children: Germanicus, Livilla and Claudius. Although initially honored with the title of Augusta by her grandson, Caligula, she eventually fell out of favor with him, committing suicide in AD 37 possibly as a result. Her son Claudius reconfirmed the title on her posthumously in AD 41.

RIC notes that the reverse of this type emphasizes Antonia "as the model for Claudius' Constantia and also as the priestess of Divus Augustus, from whom imperial auctoritas ultimately flowed."

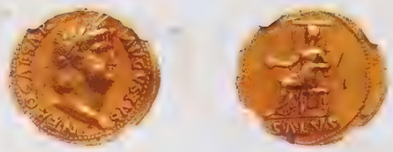
Highly Desirable Jugate Head Denarius of Nero and Agrippina

536 Nero (AD 54-68), with Agrippina II, Silver Denarius, 3.65g. Mint of Rome, AD 55. NERO CLAVD DIVI F CAES AVG GERM IMP TR P COS, jugate busts of Nero and Agrippina II facing right, Nero with a small fold of drapery behind neck, Agrippina draped. Rev. AGRIPP AVG DIVI CLAVD NERONIS CAES MATER, the diefied emperors Augustus and Claudius seated on a cart drawn by four elephants left, EX S C in upper left field (RIC 7; BMC 8; RSC 4). Well struck and perfectly centred with the portrait of Nero in high relief, lovely old cabinet toning, superb extremely fine, an incredible coin. $ 20,000

ex NFA Auction XXV, 29 November 1990, lot 356

For the first few years of Nero's reign, while he was still a minor, his mother Agrippina enjoyed unparalleled supremacy, firmly dominating the young emperor. Her portrait and title ostentatiously adorn the early coin issues from the reign, some with her bust alone and others, such as on this handsome Denarius, showing jugate busts of her son and herself. As Nero became older he strongly resented Agrippina's dominance over him and meddling; by AD 59 things had deteriorated to such a state of affairs that he had her murdered. In hindsight this is perhaps not entirely surprising; even by ancient standards the actions of the imperial family at this time were considered vile. Suetonius even records that on the day of Nero's birth, "Many people at once made many direful predictions from his horoscope, and a remark of his father Domitius was also regarded as an omen; for while receiving the congratulations of his friends, he said that 'nothing that was not abominable and a public bane could be born of Agrippina and himself.'" (Seut. Nero vi).

537 Nero (AD 54-68), Gold Aureus, 7.61g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 60-61. NERO CAESAR AVG IMP, head facing right. Rev. PONTIF MAX TR P VII COS IIII P P, EX – SC, Roma, in military dress, standing right, her left foot resting on a helmet by a dagger and a bow, inscribing a round shield set on her knee (RIC 27; Calicó 430; BMC 29; RCV 1924). With a very good young portrait of Nero, toned, good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 7,000



538 Nero (AD 54-68), Gold Aureus, 7.27g. Mint of Rome, c.AD 65/6. NERO CAESAR AVGVSTVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. SALVS in exergue, Salus seated left, holding patera (RIC 59; BMC 87; WCN 28; Calicó 443). In NGC holder graded extremely fine, strike 5/5, surface 3/5, antique light reddish tone, light marks. $ 4,000

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539 Nero (AD 54-68), Æ Sestertius, 28.36g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck c. AD 64. NERO CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG GER P M TR P IMP P P, bust facing right, laureate, wearing and aegis. Rev. ANNONA AVGVSTI CERES / S C, Ceres seated left, holding corn-ears and a torch, her feet on a stool, facing Annona, standing right, holding a cornucopiae, a modius on a garlanded altar between them, a ship's stern behind (RIC 139; BMC 130). Very good portrait and well-defined reverse, light smoothing in fields, dark patina, about extremely fine. $ 4,500

540 Nero (AD 54-68), Æ Sestertius, 25.99g, 7h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck c. AD 65. NERO CLAVD CAESAR AVG GER P M TR P IMP P P, head facing right, laureate, a globe at point of bust. Rev. S-C, three-quarter view of a triumphal arch, decorated with battle scenes, its entrance garlanded, a statue of Mars stands in a side niche, the roof surmounted by a facing quadriga, driven by Nero, flanked by Victory and Pax, warriors at edges of platform (RIC 432; WCN 422; BMC 329; C 307). Light porosity, very fine, with a very interesting architectural reverse type. $ 1,200

The Harbour of Ostia

541 Nero (AD 54-68), Æ Sestertius, 24.60g, 6h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck c. AD 65. NERO CLAVD CAESAR AVG GER P M TR P IMP P P, head facing right, laureate, a globe at point of bust. Rev. PORT AVG, birds-eye view of the harbour of Ostia, containing eight ships; at the top, pharos surmounted by statue of Neptune holding a sceptre; reclining figure of Tiber below, holding a rudder and a dolphin, a crescent-shaped pier on left, a crescent-shaped row of breakwaters on right, S-C left and right above (RIC 440; BMC 323; WCN 420). Some very light surface erosion and porosity, attractive natural dark green-brown patina, excellent portrait and a very clear and well-detailed reverse composition, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 6,500

ex F. Knobloch Collection, Stacks, 1-3 May 1980, lot 208

542 Nero (AD 54-68), Silver Denarius, 3.45g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck c. AD 66-67. IMP NERO CAESAR AVGVSTVS, head facing right, laureate. Rev. SALVS, Salus enthroned left, holding a patera (RIC 67; BMC 96; RCV 1945). Attractive iridescent tone, good portrait, good very fine. $ 3,000

ex Numismatica Ars Classica, Auction H, 30 April 1998, lot 1848

543 Nero (AD 54-68), Æ Dupondius, 13.78g, 6h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck AD 67. NERO CLAVD CAESAR AVG GER P M TR P IMP, head facing right, laureate, a globe at point of bust. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTI, S-C, Victory advancing left, holding a wreath and a palm (cf RIC 447 var). Dark brown patina, good very fine. *Rare variety.* $ 600

544 Nero (AD 54-68), Gold Aureus, 7.24g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 67-68. IMP NERO CAESAR AVG P P, head facing right, laureate. Rev. SALVS, Salus enthroned left, holding a patera (RIC 71; BMC 98; Calicó 444; RCV 1932 var). Some light marks, good fine. $ 2,500

The Finest Known Denarius of Clodius Macer

545 Clodius Macer, Silver Denarius, 3.62g, Governor of Africa, AD 68. Mint of Carthage. L CLODI-VS MACER, S C below bust, bare head of Clodius Macer facing right. Rev. PRO/PRAE in two lines above, AFRICAE below, war galley with aplustre and five oarsmen sailing right (RIC 37; K. V. Hewitt, NC 1983, 55 (dies 31/37) = L. Mildenberg, Vestigia Leonis p.362, pl. LI, 1 (this coin); A. Gara, RIN 1970, p.67, 7, and pl. 1, 11/12; BMC 1; RSC 13). An excellent portrait unusually well-centred, complete and of excellent metal, attractive old cabinet tone adds to its appeal, superb extremely fine. *Exceedingly rare and probably the finest specimen known.* $ 100,000

ex Tunis Hoard
ex Sternberg Auction III, 29-30 November 1974, lot 47
ex Highly Important Greek and Roman Coins, The Nelson Bunker Hunt Collection (part I), Sotheby's, 19 June 1990, lot 126
ex James Fox Collection, CNG/NAC Auction 40, 4 December 1996, lot 1402
ex Barry Feirstein Collection, NAC Auction 39, 16 May 2007, lot 107

L. Clodius Macer was the propraetorian legate of the Legio III Augusta based in Numidia during the latter part of Nero's reign. Historically, he was thought to have rebelled against Nero in the name of the Senate of Rome, but recent study into the language employed by Tacitus in his history of the period throws a shadow over this interpretation. It seems instead that perhaps Macer was first a loyal partisan of Nero, and only when overtaken by the events of Nero's suicide did he find himself in opposition to Galba. In this view, Nero sent his influential mistress, Calvia Crispinilla, to Africa to assure Macer's loyalty to the throne after Galba had publicly declared his support for Vindex's uprising, and that it was only after Galba came to power that Macer began to act in a more arbitrary manner, using his naval forces in an attempted investment of Sicily to blockade Rome and cut off her grain supply (see G. Morgan, "Clodius Macer and Calvia Crispinilla," Historia: Zeitschrift für Alte Geschichte 49, 4 [4th Quarter, 2000]: pp.467-487).

Supporting this interpretation of events is the evidence from Macer's coinage. While it has often been suggested that Macer was attempting to either re-establish the Roman Republic, or alternately that he aspired to the throne himself, these arguments do not hold up upon closer scrutiny. The first argument is based on the fact that Macer was even striking precious metal coinage, a purely imperial prerogative for the past century, and that for designs he chose types prevalent during the imperatorial period. Countering this is that both Galba and perhaps also Vindex preempted him, striking anonymous issues themselves, and Macer's choice of types merely provided the consumer the comfort of the conventional since earlier Denarii of course still circulated widely in Africa in the AD 60s. The second argument is based in part on the fact that Macer put his name on his coins, and that on one issue, probably his last, he even included his own portrait. Although it is true that Macer's Denarii are not anonymous, with notable modesty they all clearly give his title as mere procurator of a legion in Afric.There is also ample precedent for using his own portrait, which notably is not laureate. Additionally, although it seems highly improbable that the Senate ever empowered Macer to strike coinage, all of his coins without exception claim to be operating S C. This and his modest title are compelling enough reasons to see that Macer had no delusional grandeur of aspiring to the purple, and should instead be seen as putting the best face on his own actions while at the same time reassuring the people that his money was sound.

After Macer's capture and execution by order of Galba, it would seem that his coins were immediately recalled and melted, the bullion of which was used for a short time at the Carthaginian mint to strike coins all with a comparably provincial style for Galba. Hewitt records 77 known dies for Macer's coinage and extrapolates that there may have been more than 180 in total, so it was apparently substantial. However, very specimens survive today - fewer than 85 coins of all types, with at most just twenty being portrait Denarii - making this coin one of the rarest in the entire history of Roman Imperial coinage.

546 Galba (AD 68-69), Gold Aureus, 7.11g, 9h. Mint of Rome, struck August – October AD 68. IMP SER GALBA AVG, bare head facing right. Rev. S P Q R / OB / C S, within an oak-wreath (RIC 164; Calicó 509a; BMC 29; RCV 2093). With a clear portrait, some light surface marks, good fine. *Rare.* $ 8,000

Stunningly Bold Galba Denarius

547 Galba (AD 68-69), Silver Denarius, 3.47g. Mint of Rome, AD 68. IMP SER GALBA AVG, bare head facing right. Rev. S P Q R / OB / C S in three lines within oak-wreath (RIC 167; BMC 34 corr.; RSC 287). Boldly struck with the portrait of Galba in high relief, lustre present and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 9,000

Before becoming emperor, the elderly Galba, governor of Hispania Terraconensis, served many years as a capable administrator and military leader, having previously governed in Gaul, Germany, Africa and Spain, where he had earned a reputation for strictness and impartiality. Hearing that he was in disfavor with Nero and that he would soon be executed, he considered joining the revolt of the governor of Gallia Lugdunensis, Gaius Julius Vindex, who had promised him his support in a bid for the throne. He hesitated, however, which was probably fateful as Vindex's revolt was quickly suppressed, the usurper committing suicide.

The turmoil in Rome continued, and in June AD 68 the Praetorian Prefect, Nymphidius Sabinus, transferred his allegiance to Galba. Nero, deserted by the Praetorians, was declared a public enemy by the Senate and committed suicide. Galba promptly took the title of Caesar, raised a legion, and along with the governor of Lusitania, Marcus Salvius Otho, quickly marched on Rome where he was welcomed into the city.

Galba's short reign was unpopular. Fearing conspiracy, he executed many senators and equites without trial, and he never paid the Praetorians the bonus promised in his name by prefect Nymphidius, scorning the idea that a soldier's loyalty could be bought. Additionally, the Rhine legions were hostile to him - they had expected to be rewarded for their loyalty to the throne by their actions in suppressing the revolt of Vindex, but instead were accused of impeding Galba's path to the throne. On January 1 AD 69, they refused to swear allegiance to the emperor and instead proclaimed their commander, Aulus Vitellius, emperor.

With the Rhine legions in revolt, Galba made the fatal mistake of formerly adopting Lucius Calpurnius Piso Licinianus as his successor, which had the effect of inciting the hatred of his former supporter, Otho, who had hoped for the honor for himself. Otho plotted his revenge, and five days after Piso's adoption, Praetorian guardsmen in his pay brutally murdered both Galba and Piso.

548 Galba (AD 68-69), Silver Denarius, 3.42g, 6h. Mint of Rome. IMP SER GALBA AVG, head facing right. Rev. S P Q R / OB / C S within an oak-wreath (RIC 167; C 287; cf BMC 34; RCV 2109). Broad flan, with a beautiful iridescent cabinet tone, excellent portrait, nearly extremely fine. $ 2,000

549 Galba (AD 68-69), Silver Denarius, 3.47g, 5h. Mint of Rome. [IMP] SER GALBA CAESAR AVG, bust facing right, laureate and draped. Rev. HISPA-NIA, Hispania advancing left, holding corn-ears and shield and spears (RIC -, cf 192 for Aureus). A light banker's mark on obverse, cabinet tone, very fine. $ 800

An Exceptional Sestertius of Galba

550 Galba (AD 68-69), Æ Sestertius, 27.3g. Mint of Rome. IMP SER SVLP GALBA CAES AVG TR P, laureate and draped bust facing right. Rev. LIBERTAS PVBLICA, S C across field, Libertas standing facing, head left, holding pileus and sceptre (RIC 309; ACG 328; BMC 71). A marvellous example, well struck on a full round flan (36mm), uniform dark reddish-brown patina adds to its appeal, extremely fine. $ 7,500

551 Otho (AD 69), Silver Denarius, 3.22g, 6h. Mint of Rome. IMP M OTHO CAESAR AVG TR P, head facing right. Rev. SECVRITAS P R, Securitas standing left, holding a wreath and a sceptre (RIC 8; BMC 18; RCV 2162). Attractive iridescent cabinet tone, very fine. $ 800

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 60, 21-23 April 1999, lot 2094

552 Vitellius (AD 69), Silver Denarius, 3.53g, 6h. Mint of Tarraco, May – June AD 69. A VITELLIVS GERMANICVS IMP, head facing right. Rev. [F]IDES / EXERCITVVM, clasped right hands (RIC 28; BMC 86; RSC 31a; RCV 2192). Good portrait, very fine. *Rare.* $ 950

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 84, 28-30 March 2007, lot 1799

553 Vitellius (AD 69), Silver Denarius, 3.13g, 6h. A VITELLI[VS GERM]AN IMP TR P, head facing right, laureate. Rev. [XV V]IR SACR FAC, tripod surmounted by a dolphin lying right, a raven standing right below (RIC 86; BMC 17; RCV 2201 var). Fine. *Scarce.* $ 250

554 Vitellius (AD 69), Silver Denarius, 3.28g. Mint of Rome. A VITELLIVS GERM IMP AVG TR P, laureate head facing right. Rev. CONCOR-[DIA P] R, Concordia seated left, holding patera and cornucopiae (RIC 90; BMC 20; RSC 18). Outstanding portraiture, delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 3,000

ex Leu Auction 72, lot 420

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555 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Silver Denarius, 3.52g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 69-70. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. IVDAEA (in exergue), Judaea, draped and veiled, seated right on ground, propping her head on her left hand, a trophy behind her (RIC 2; BMC 35; C 226; RCV 2296). Strong portrait, toned, extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,000

556 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Silver Denarius, 3.23g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 69-70. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. IVDAEA (in exergue), Judaea, draped and veiled, seated right on ground, propping her head on her left hand, a trophy behind her (RIC 2; BMC 35; C 226; RCV 2296). Well centred, with complete types, about very fine. $ 250

557 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Gold Aureus, 7.25g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 70. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. COS ITER TR POT, Pax seated left, holding a branch and a caduceus (RIC 28; Calicó 607; BMC 23). Small metal flaw in reverse field, very fine. $ 6,000

558 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Æ Sestertius, 26.9g. Mint of Rome, AD 71. IMP CAES VESPAS AVG P M TR P P P COS III, laureate head facing right. Rev. SALVS AVGVSTA, S C in exergue, Salus seated left, holding patera and sceptre (RIC 246; BN 535). Uniform dark brown patina, about extremely fine, a very choice example. $ 7,000

A Superb 'Family Denarius' of Vespasian

559 Vespasian (AD 69-79), with Titus and Domitian, as Caesars, Silver Denarius, 3.53g. Mint of Ephesus, AD 71. IMP CAESAR VESPAS AVG COS III TR P P P, laureate head facing right. Rev. AVG VESPAS above, LIBERI IMP below, confronted bare heads of Titus and Domitian, E[PHE] between (RIC 1429; RPC 831; BMC 455; RSC 2a). Boldly struck in high relief, all three portraits are incredibly sharp, lustre still present and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 10,000

ex NAC Auction 46, 2 April 2008, lot 528

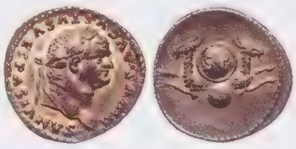
560 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Silver Denarius, 3.09g. Mint of Rome, AD 76. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. COS VII, eagle standing facing on garlanded cippus, head left (RIC 847; BMC 180; RSC 121). Boldly struck in high relief on a large flan and perfectly centred, the surfaces lustrous and delicately toned, nearly mint state. $ 2,500

The principate of Vespasian brought much needed stability to the Empire after Nero's reign and the subsequent civil wars of AD 68-69. Vespasian settled disturbances in Judaea and in Britain, as well as smaller uprisings in Cyprus and Egypt. He rebuilt much of Rome, still largely ruined from the devastating fire that swept the city in AD 64, and he extended the citizenship of the Empire. The reverse of this coin is a stock type which alludes to this Flavian peace and prosperity, and perhaps implies the hand of Jupiter Optimus Maximus (Jupiter, Best and Greatest) to whom Vespasian had paid particular attention, re-consecrating his temple in AD 70.

561 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Silver Denarius, 3.43g. Mint of Rome, AD 76. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. IOVIS CVSTOS, Jupiter standing facing, holding patera and sceptre, altar at his feet to left (RIC 849; BMC 276; RSC 222). Well struck and perfectly centred, extremely fine. $ 1,000

ex CNG Auction 61, 25 September 2002, lot 1684

Jupiter Custos, or Jupiter Conservator, is honored on this coin because he was thought to have protected Domitian when the Vitellians stormed the capitol in AD 69. Vespasian dedicated an altar of marble to the god, the sides of which were engraved with a scene representing the rescue. Once Domitian became emperor, he erected a large temple to Jupiter Custos, which may have incorporated the altar.



562 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Silver Denarius, 3.48g. Mint of Rome, under Titus, AD 80/1. DIVVS AVGVSTVS VESPASIANVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. Foreparts of two capricorns opposed, supporting between them round shield inscribed S C on globe (RIC 357; BMC 129; RSC 497). Attractively toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Roma Auction V, 23 March 2013, lot 714

563 Vespasian (AD 69-79), Silver Denarius, 3.2g. Judaea Capta commemorative. Mint of Rome, under Titus, AD 80/1. DIVVS AVGVSTVS VESPASIANVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. EX S C across field, Victory advancing left, attaching shield to trophy below which Jewess seated left, in attitude of mourning (RIC 364; BMC 112; Hendin 1586; RSC 144). Struck on a nice broad flan and well detailed, extremely fine. $ 1,700

564 Titus (AD 79-81), Æ Sestertius, 24.48g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck as Caesar, AD 72. T CAES VESPASIAN IMP PON TR POT COS II, head facing right, laureate. Rev. S C (in exergue), Titus, holding a branch and a sceptre, driving a quadriga right, a wreath on front of car and Victory advancing right on the side (RIC 431; BMC 636; Hendin 1525; C 228). Attractive dark brown patina, good portrait, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 5,000

This rare issue commemorates the triumph that Titus received for his victory in Judaea.

565 Titus (as Caesar, AD 69-79), Æ Dupondius, 12.8g. Mint of Rome, under Vespasian, AD 72. T CAESAR VESPASIAN IMP III PON TR POT II COS II, radiate head facing right. Rev. CONCORDIA AVGVSTI, S C in exergue, Concordia seated left, holding patera and cornucopiae (RIC 481; BN 581). A most attractive portrait, struck in high relief with uniform dark green patina, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,500

566 Titus (AD 79-81), Æ Dupondius, 10.51g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck as Caesar, AD 74. T CAESAR IMP COS III CENS, head facing right, radiate. Rev. FELICITAS PVBLICA, S-C, Felicitas standing left, holding a caduceus and a cornucopiae (RIC 742; BMC 707; RCV 2466 var). Dark patina, good very fine. $ 350

567 Titus (AD 79-81), Æ Sestertius, 26.10g, 6h. Thracian mint, struck AD 80-81. IMP T CAES DIVI VESP F AVG P M TR PPP COS VIII, head facing right, laureate. Rev. PAX AVGVSTI, S-C, Pax standing left, holding cornucopiae and an olive branch (RIC 498; BMC 309; BN III, 240, 323; RPC II, 501). Brown patina, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,300

568 Domitian (as Caesar, AD 69-81), Silver Denarius, 3.34g. Mint of Rome, under Vespasian, AD 76/7. CAESAR AVG F DOMITIANVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. COS IIII above, Pegasus standing right, pawing ground with foreleg (RIC 238; BMC 193-5; RSC 47). Well struck on a large flan and perfectly centred, attractively toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Roma Auction V, 23 March 2013, lot 723

The image of Pegasus on this issue is normally shown standing right, pawing the ground with his foreleg. There is one rare die, however, which shows him rearing instead of pawing (see Edston Hoard 91, CHRB 10, pl.17). There are many reasons why horses paw at the ground, and most equine behaviorists will say the animal is either nervous or irritated. However, when the head is held in a high position, it usually means that the animal is establishing dominance. Of course, the animal on this coin is not a horse but a pegasus; it seems the engraver was attempting to convey the same idea though.

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569 Domitian (AD 81-96), Silver Denarius, 3.60g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 95. IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM P M TR P XIIII, head facing right, laureate. Rev. IMP XXII COS XVII CENS P P P, Minerva standing left, holding a thunderbolt and a spear, a shield at her side (RIC 772; BMC 224; RCV 2737). A little softly struck on reverse, otherwise lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 200

570 Nerva (AD 96-98), Silver Denarius, 3.31g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 96. IMP NERVA CAES AVG P M TR P COS II P P, head facing right, laureate. Rev. CONCORDIA EXERCITVVM, clasped right hands, holding a legionary eagle on a prow (RIC 3; BMC 8; C 25; RCV 3021). Nearly extremely fine. $ 400

571 Nerva (AD 96-98), Restored Coinage, Æ Sestertius, 24.51g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 97, in honour of Divus Augustus (d. AD 14). DIVVS AVGVSTVS, head facing right, laureate. Rev. IMP NERVA CAESAR AVGVSTVS REST around large S C (RIC 136; C 570; RCV 3076). Dark tan-brown patina, a well-detailed portrait, good very fine. $ 1,500

572 Nerva (AD 96-98), Restored Coinage, Æ As, 11.13g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 96, in honour of Divus Augustus (d. AD 14). DIVVS AVGVSTVS, head of Augustus facing right. Rev. IMP NERVA CAES AVG REST/ S C, façade of altar-enclosure of the Ara Providentiae Augusti, with double-panelled door (RIC 133; BMC 158; C 566; RCV 3075 var). A little softly struck at centre of reverse, dark glossy green patina, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 500

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 96, 5-8 April 2011, lot 5189

573 Trajan (AD 98-117), Æ Sestertius, 27.48g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 98-99. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM P M, bust facing right, laureate, wearing an aegis. Rev. TR POT COS II P P / S C, Pax seated left, holding a branch and a sceptre (RIC 390 var (bust); cf BMC 718). With a beautiful glossy dark green-brown patina, excellent portrait, light smoothing in fields, otherwise extremely fine, a handsome Sestertius. $ 2,800

574 Trajan (AD 98-117), Æ Sestertius, 26.65g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 104. IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P P, bust facing right, laureate, with drapery on left shoulder. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI, S-C, Pax standing left, holding an olive-branch and a cornucopiae, her right foot resting on a Dacian (RIC 503 var; C 406 var; RCV 3198 var). Attractive brown tone, with a portrait of excellent style, nearly extremely fine. $ 1,200

575 Trajan (AD 98-117), Æ Dupondius, 12.45g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 114-117. IMP CAES NER TRAIANO OPTIMO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P, bust facing right, laureate and draped. Rev. SENATVS POPVLVSQVE ROMANVS, S-C, Felicitas standing left, holding a caduceus and a cornucopiae (RIC 674; C 353). Dark green patina, good very fine. $ 400

576 Trajan (AD 98-117), Silver Tetradrachm, 15.26g, 6h. Mint of Tyre, Phoenicia, struck AD 103-109. Head of Trajan facing right, laureate, above an eagle standing right, a club on right. Rev. ΔΗΜΑΡΧ ΕΞΥΠΑΤΕ, bust of Melqart-Hercules facing right, laureate, with lion skin draped around neck (Prieur 1495; McAlee 455). Good metal, with some residual lustre, extremely fine, a very good example. $ 700

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 91, 21-23 July 2009, lot 3540

577 Matidia (daughter of Marciana), Silver Denarius, 3.33g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 112. [M]ATIDIA AVG DIVAE MARCIANAE F, bust facing right, diademed and draped. Rev. [PI]ETAS AVGVST, Matidia, as Pietas, standing facing, her head turned left, placing her hands on the heads of two small figures (Sabina and Matidia the younger?) at her sides (RIC (Trajan) 759; BMC (Trajan) 660; C 10; Woytek 729; RCV 3378). Toned, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

578 Hadrian (AD 117-138), Æ Sestertius, 24.55g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 118. IMP CAESAR TRAIANVS HADRIANVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate and with drapery on left shoulder. Rev. PONT MAX TR POT COS DES III, S-C, Annona standing left, holding corn-ears over a modius, a prow of ship on right, ANNONA AVG in exergue (RIC 560a; C 180). Dark green-brown patina, very fine. $ 500

579 Hadrian (AD 117-138), Æ Sestertius, 25.19g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 121. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate and draped. Rev. P M TR P COS III, VIRT-AVG, S-C, Virtus standing left, holding a spear and a parazonium (RIC 614c; C 1466). Attractive dark green patina, good very fine / very fine. $ 700

580 Hadrian (AD 117-138), Gold Aureus, 7.3g. Mint of Rome, c.AD 124-128. HADRIANVS AVGVSTVS, laureate bust facing right, slight drapery on far shoulder. Rev. COS III, emperor on horseback riding right, extending arm in salute (RIC 186; BMC 433; Calicó 1215a). Portrait in high relief, pleasing style and struck on a broad flan, toned, choice very fine. $ 8,000

581 Hadrian (AD 117-138), Æ As, 11.48g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 126. HADRIANVS AVGVSTVS, bust facing right, laureate, with light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. SALVS AVGVSTVS, S-C, Salus standing left, holding a patera over an altar from which a snake rises, COS III in exergue (RIC 678 var; BMC 1349; C 1367 var). Dark patina, good very fine. $ 200

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 96, 5-8 April 2011, lot 5195
ex Classical Numismatic Group, Electronic Auction 192, 23 July 2008, lot 257

582 Hadrian (AD 117-138), Silver Tridrachm, 10.50g, 12h. Struck at Aegeae, Cilicia, dated CY 164 (AD 117/8). Bust facing right, laureate, with drapery on left shoulder. Rev. head of Alexander the Great(?) facing right, diademed, a kneeling goat below (Prieur 715; SNG France 2326). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 300

purchased from Freeman & Sear, USA

The male head on the reverse of this issue has been given various attributions. While Prieur identifies it as the mythological hero Perseus, SNG France suggests it is that of Alexander the Great. The diademed head perhaps fits better with the image of a Hellenistic ruler.

583 Sabina (wife of Hadrian), Silver Denarius, 3.28g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 128-36. SABINA AVGVSTA HADRIANI AVG P P, bust facing right, draped. Rev. INDVLGENTIA AVG P P, Indulgentia seated left, extending her right hand and holding a sceptre, COS III in exergue (RIC 417; BMC 954A; C 36). Beautiful cabinet tone, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 350

ex Spink Australia, 1977

RIC describes this issue as a hybrid, as it employs a reverse of Hadrian.

A Superb Gold Aureus of Aelius

584 Aelius (Caesar, AD 136-138), Gold Aureus, 7.23g. Mint of Rome, under Hadrian, AD 137. L AELIVS CAESAR, bare head facing left. Rev. CONCORD in exergue, TRIB POT COS II around, Concordia seated left, holding patera and resting elbow on cornucopiae at her side (RIC 443c; BMC 999; Calicó 1445). An excellent portrait well struck in high relief, lovely natural reddish tone, superb extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 32,000

ex M&M Deutschland Sale 30, 2009, lot 1293

585 Aelius (Caesar, AD 136-138), Silver Denarius, 3.18g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 137. L.AELIVS CAESAR, bare head facing right. Rev. TR POT COS II, Pietas standing left, raising right hand and holding a box, an altar on left (RIC 432; C 53; RCV 3974). With a very good and well-struck portrait, attractive light toning, extremely fine. $ 400

586 Aelius (Caesar, AD 136-138), Silver Denarius, 3.29g. Mint of Rome, under Hadrian, AD 137. L AELIVS CAESAR, bare head facing right. Rev. TRIB POT COS II, CONCORD in exergue, Concordia seated left, holding patera and resting arm on cornucopiae balanced on side of throne (cf RIC 443 (aureus); Strack 398; BMC 1001; RSC 11a). Boldly struck with the portrait in high relief, extremely fine. $ 1,000

Overlooking the BM specimen, Mattingly and Sydenham omitted this type when compiling RIC II, which was published in 1926. Four specimens were amongst the coins in the massive 1929 Réka-Devnia Hoard, and perhaps it is for this reason that it was 'rediscovered' by both Strack in his study of Hadrian (1933) and Mattingly in BMC (1936). The type was marginally more common by number of specimens relative to several other types found in Réka-Devnia; however, it remains an elusive rarity for todays specialist of Hadrian's coinage.

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587 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Æ As, 8.43g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 140-144. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P, head facing right, laureate. Rev. TR POT COS III / S C, knife, sprinkler, ewer, lituus and simpulum (RIC 704a; C 922; RCV 4316). Very attractive green-brown patina, good portrait, extremely fine. $ 500

ex William C. Boyd Collection, Baldwin's Auction 42, 28 September 2005, lot 733

588 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Æ Dupondius, 11.53g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 144. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P TR P COS III, head facing right, radiate. Rev. SALVS AVG, S-C, Salus standing left, feeding from a patera a snake rising from an altar, and holding a sceptre (RIC 668; C 714; RCV 4283). Dark brown patina, good very fine. $ 250

589 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Silver Denarius, 3.4g. Mint of Rome, AD 145-147. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P, laureate head facing right. Rev. COS IIII, winged thunderbolt set on draped throne (RIC 137; Strack 165; BMC 536-9; RSC 345). Well struck and well centred, lustrous surfaces, mint state. $ 500

590 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Gold Aureus, 7.19g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 148-149. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P TR P XII, bust facing right, laureate, with light drapery. Rev. COS IIII, Aequitas standing left, holding scales and cornucopiae (RIC 177e; Calicó 1503; BMC 650; RCV 4003). A few light marks, very fine. $ 3,500

591 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Gold Aureus, 7.27g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 148-149. ANTONINVS PIVS P P TR P XII, bust facing right, draped and cuirassed. Rev. TR POT COS IIII, Roma seated left, holding Palladium and spear, a shield at her side (RIC -; BMC -; C -; Calicó 1659 (this coin)). Light mark in exergue, otherwise extremely fine *A very rare variety.* $ 4,000

592 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Gold Aureus, 7.28g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 152-153. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P TR P XVI, bust facing left, laureate. Rev. COS IIII, Emperor, togate, standing left, holding a globe (RIC 226; Calicó 1524; RCV 4004 var). Good very fine with attractive surfaces. *Scarce bust left variety.* $ 4,000

ex Gorny & Mosch, Auction 207, 15 October 2012, 638

593 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Æ Sestertius, 27.83g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 156-157. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P IMP II, bust facing right, laureate, with light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. TR POT XX COS IIII / S C, Securitas seated left on crossed cornucopiae, holding a sceptre (RIC 967; C 1008). A few light marks, dark brown patina, good very fine. $ 400

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594 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), Æ 29mm., 21.36g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck at Gaza, Judaea, AD 156-157. Bust facing right, laureate and draped. Rev. ΓAZA, veiled and turreted head of Tyche facing right, date ZIC (= year 217 of the local era) on left, city monogram on right (BMC 153, 70; SNG ANS 929). Dark olive green patina with reddish deposits, good very fine. $ 350

595 Divus Antoninus Pius (d. AD 161), Æ Sestertius, 26.78g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck under Marcus Aurelius, AD 162. DIVVS ANTONINVS bare head facing right. Rev. DIVO PIO, S-C, column, surmounted by a statue of Antoninus Pius (RIC (Marcus Aurelius) 1269; BMC 880; C 354; RCV 5199). Short crack in flan, dark patina, good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 500

ex Numismatic Ars Classica, Auction P, 12 May 2005, lot 2063

596 Diva Faustina Snr (wife of Antoninus Pius, d. AD 141), Gold Aureus, 6.92g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 141-161. DIVA FAVSTINA, bust facing right, draped. Rev. AVGV-STA, Ceres standing left, holding a long torch and a sceptre (RIC 356a; Calicó 1763a; BMC 395; C 95; RCV 4553). Very fine. $ 2,500

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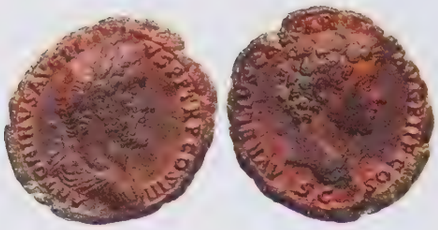
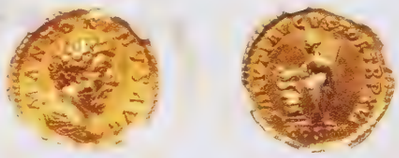
597 Diva Faustina Snr (wife of Antoninus Pius, d. AD 141), Silver Denarius, 3.3g. Mint of Rome, under Antoninus Pius, c.AD 141-146. DIVA FAV-STINA, draped bust facing right. Rev. AVGV-STA, Ceres standing facing, head left, holding grain-ears and long torch (RIC 360; Strack 474; BMC 408; RSC 78). Well struck and well centred with delicate golden toning, superb extremely fine. $ 300

598 Diva Faustina Snr (wife of Antoninus Pius, d. AD 141), Æ Sestertius, 28.44g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck after AD 147. DIVA FAVSTINA bust facing right, draped. Rev. AVGVSTA, S-C, Ceres standing left, holding corn-ears and a torch (RIC 1116; BMC 1509; C 79; RCV 4614). Dark patina, good portrait, about extremely fine, in an unusually fine state of preservation. $ 750

ex H D Rauch, Auction 73, 17-19 May 2004, lot 669



599 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161), with Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180), Æ As, 10.27g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 140-144. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS PP TR P COS III, bust of Antoninus Pius facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. AVRELIVS CAESAR AVG P II F COS / S C, bare head of Marcus Aurelius facing right (RIC 1222 var; C 31 var; RCV 4531 var). Brown-green patina, good very fine. $ 400



600 Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180), Gold Aureus. Mint of Rome, AD 161. M ANTONINVS AVG, bare-headed and draped bust facing right. Rev. SALVTI AVGVSTOR TR P XVI, COS III in exergue, Salus standing facing, head left, feeding out of patera serpent arising from altar, and holding sceptre (RIC 53; BMC 198; Calicó 1908). In NGC holder graded choice extremely fine, strike 5/5, surface 1/5, repaired, although possibly used as jewelry, the portrait is undamaged and struck in high relief. $ 2,500

601 Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180), Silver Denarius, 3.17g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 161-162. IMP M AVREL ANTONINVS AVG, head facing right. Rev. PROV DEOR TR P XVI COS III, Providentia standing right, holding a globe and a cornucopiae (RIC 50; C 519; RCV 4925 var). Residual lustre, good extremely fine. $ 200

Remarkable Quality Sestertius of Marcus Aurelius

602 Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180), Æ Sestertius, 22.8g. Mint of Rome, AD 163. IMP CAES M AVREL ANTONINVS AVG P M, laureate bust facing right, slight drapery on far shoulder. Rev. SALVTI AVGVSTOR TR P XVII, COS III in exergue, S C across field, Salus standing facing, head left, feeding serpent, from patera, arising from altar (RIC 844; Szaivert 54-6/32; BMC 1042). Apple-green patina, superb extremely fine. $ 5,000

603 Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180), Æ Sestertius, 26.24g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 177-178. M AVREL ANTONINVS AVG TR P XX[II], head facing right, laureate. Rev. FELICITAS AVG IMP VIIII COS III P P, S-C, Felicitas standing left, holding a caduceus and a sceptre (RIC 1227). Dark brown-green patina, very fine. $ 200

604 Faustina Jnr (wife of Marcus Aurelius), Gold Aureus, 7.32g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 161-176. FAVSTINA AVGVSTA, bust facing right, draped. Rev. SALVTI AVGVSTAE, Salus seated left, feeding from a patera a snake rising from an altar (RIC 716; Calicó 2073; BMC 151; C 198; RCV 5244). A few light marks, good very fine / very fine. $ 5,000

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605 Diva Faustina Jnr (wife of Marcus Aurelius, d. AD 141), Æ Sestertius, 23.23g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck after AD 141. DIVA FAVSTINA PIA, bust facing right, draped. Rev. SIDERIBVS RECEPTA, S-C, Diana standing right, holding a torch (RIC 1715; C 215). Dark brown patina, about very fine. *Scarce.* $ 350

606 Lucius Verus (AD 161-169), Æ Sestertius, 29.42g. 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 161. IMP CAES L AVREL VERVS AVG, bust facing right, cuirassed. Rev. CONCORD AVGVSTOR TR P II, S-C, Lucius Verus and Marcus Aurelius standing facing each other, with clasped right hands, COS II in exergue (RIC 1295 var; BMC 1024; C 38). With a very good portrait, dark brown-green patina, good very fine and an attractive example. $ 900

ex McHugh Collection
ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 95, 23-26 November 2010, lot 5554

607 Lucius Verus (AD 161-169), Silver Denarius, 3.29g. Mint of Rome, AD 163. IMP L VERVS AVG, bare head facing right. Rev. PROV DEOR TR P III COS II, Providentia standing facing, head left, holding globe and cornucopiae (RIC 491; Szaivert 56-14/10; BMC 229; RSC 156). Boldly struck with a high relief portrait and perfectly centred, lustrous and delicately toned, nearly mint state. $ 700

ex Roma Auction IV, 30 September 2012, lot 567
ex Triton Auction X, 9 January 2007, lot 647

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608 Lucius Verus (AD 161-169), Silver Denarius, 3.28g. Mint of Rome, AD 163. L VERVS AVG ARMENIACVS, bare head facing right. Rev. TR P III IMP II COS II, ARMEN in exergue, Armenia seated left in attitude of mourning, resting head on hand, shields and vexillum in background (RIC 501; Szaivert 62-14/10; BMC 239; RSC 6). Boldly struck with a high relief portrait, perfectly centred and attractively toned, nearly mint state. $ 1,000

609 Lucilla (wife of Lucius Verus), Silver Denarius, 3.26g. Mint of Rome, under Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus, AD 161-162. LVCILLAE AVG ANTONINI AVG F, draped bust facing right. Rev. VOTA / PVBLI/CA in three lines within laurel wreath (RIC 791; Szaivert 22-4/10; BMC 329; RSC 98). Well struck, well centred and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 1,000

ex Gorny & Mosch Auction 203, 5 March 2012, lot 365
ex Lanz Auction 72, 29 May 1995, lot 656

610 Lucilla (wife of Lucius Verus), Æ Sestertius, 28.18g, 11h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 164. LVCILLAE AVG M ANTONINI AVG F, bust facing right, draped. Rev. VE-NVS, S-C, Venus enthroned left, holding Victory and a sceptre (RIC 1773; BMC 1176; C 83; RCV 5508). Light smoothing in fields, dark green patina, nearly extremely fine and attractive. $ 800

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ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 95, 23-26 November 2010, lot 5558

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611 Lucilla (wife of Lucius Verus), Æ As, 10.74g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 166-169. LVCILLA AVGVSTA, bust facing right, draped. Rev. IVNO REGINA, S-C, Juno standing left, holding a patera and a sceptre, a peacock at her feet on left (RIC 1752; BMC 1219; C 44; RCV 5516). Some small areas of corrosion on obverse, attractive dark green patina, good very fine. $ 100

ex Dr Garth Drewry Collection

612 Commodus (AD 177-192), Æ 22mm., 5.28g, 6h. Minted in Kyzikos, Mysia. AV KAI M AVP KOMMOΔOC, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. KVZIKHN / ΛN, calf walking right (SNG France 743 var; SNG von Aulock 1275 var). Smooth dark brown patina, extremely fine. $ 250

ex T. Cederlind, USA
ex Cappenalle Collection, Noble Numismatics, Sale 86, lot 3422
ex Noble Numsimatics, Sale 95, 23-26 November 2010, lot 5280

Exceptional Gold Aureus of Pertinax

613 Pertinax (AD 193), Gold Aureus, 7.2g. Mint of Rome. IMP CAES P HELV PERTIN AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. LAETITIA TEMPOR COS II, Laetitia standing facing with head left, holding wreath and sceptre (RIC 4a; Sear 6033). Outstanding bold portrait with delicate rose toning, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 60,000

Extremely Rare Denarius of Didia Clara

614 Didia Clara (daughter of Didius Julianus), Silver Denarius, 2.35g. Mint of Rome, under Didius Julianus, AD 193. DIDIA CLA-RA AVG, draped bust facing right. Rev. HILAR T-EMPOR, Hilaritas standing facing, head left, holding long palm and cornucopiae (RIC 10; BMC 14; RSC 3). Boldly struck and well centred with an incredibly sharp portrait of Didia Clara, extremely fine. *Extremely rare and one of the finest known.* $ 5,000

Other than the fact that Didia Clara, the daughter of Didius Julianus and Manlia Scantilla, was a remarkable beauty and an only child, very little is known about either her life or her personality. On her father's accession, she was granted the title of Augusta, and we also know that she married Sextus Cornelius Repentinus, a career politician who became prefect of Rome during her father's short reign. However, her subsequent fate as well as the fate of her husband after her father was overthrown by Septimius Severus is unknown.

615 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211), Æ Sestertius, 24.63g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 196. L SEPT SEV PERT AVG IMP VIII, head facing right, laureate. Rev. ADVENTI AVG FELICISSIMO / S C, Severus on a pacing horse right, raising his right hand, preceded by a soldier, holding a vexillum (RIC 719a; BMC 596; C 8; RCV 6403). Dark brown patina, about very fine. *Rare.* $ 400

616 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211), Silver Denarius, 3.28g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 199. L SEPT SEV AVG IMP XI PART MAX, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VICTORIAE AVGG FEL, Victory alighting left, holding an open wreath with both hands over a shield set on a base (RIC 144b; C 719; RCV 6381). Lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 80

A Very Rare Dynastic Gold Aureus of Septimius Severus

617 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211), Gold Aureus, 7.34g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 202. SEVER P AVG P M TR P X COS III, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. FELICITAS / SAECVLI, facing bust of Julia Domna, draped, flanked by profile busts of Caracalla, right, laureate and draped, and Geta, left, bare-headed, draped and cuirassed (Calicó 2593a; RIC -. cf 181c; BMC -, cf 380; C -, cf 5). Some light edge marks, otherwise about extremely fine, with good portraits. *A very rare variety of a rare issue.* $ 25,000

Superb Gold Aureus of Septimius Severus

618 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211), Gold Aureus, 6.9g. Mint of Rome, AD 202. SEVER P AVG P M TR P X COS III, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. FVNDA-T-OR PACIS, emperor, veiled and togate, standing left, holding branch and scroll (RIC -; BMC -; Calicó -). Amazing medallic portrait, superb mint state. $ 35,000

This unique Aureus falls in the very rare grouping of RIC 177-180, dated TR P X (AD 202). The reverse type appears in the issue immediately prior, RIC 160, which is undated but was struck in AD 200/1. Although it is most likely that this coin is simply a hitherto unknown type stemming from a very rare issue, it is also possible that it is a mule combining a current obverse die with a reverse die from the preceding issue.

619 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211), Gold Aureus, 6.8g. Minted in AD 207. SEVERVS PIVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. RESTITVTOR VRBIS, Roma seated left, holding palladium and sceptre; at her side, shield (RIC 288; Calico 2529). Needle sharp with traces of mint lustre, faint scratch at 1 o'clock on the reverse and a couple of trivial marks on the obverse rims, otherwise extremely fine. $ 20,000

A Splendid Quality Aureus of Septimius Severus

620 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211), Gold Aureus, 6.95g. Mint of Rome, AD 208. SEVERVS PIVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. VOTA SVSCEPT-A XX, emperor, veiled, standing right, sacrificing out of patera over tripod, Caracalla to right holding staff(?), tripod and flute player between them (RIC 309; BMC 376; Calicó 2584). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 30,000

621 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211), Silver Tetradrachm, 14.78g, 12h. Mint of Laodiceia and Mare, Seleucis & Pieria, struck AD 209-211. Bust facing right, laureate and draped. Rev. ΔΗΜΑΡΧ ΕΞ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ ΤΟ Γ, eagle standing facing, head left, wings spread, holding a wreath in its beak, a star between legs (Prieur 1163; McAlee, Severan Group 4, 30). A few deposits, lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 150

ex Gordon Parry Collection
ex Numismatik Lanz, Auction 66, 22 November 1993, lot 637

622 Julia Domna (wife of Septimius Severus), Silver Denarius, 3.38g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 203. IVLIA AVGVSTA, bust facing right, draped. Rev. PIETAS PVBLICA, Pietas standing left, raising both hands, a lighted altar on left (RIC 574; C 156; RCV 6601). Lightly toned, about extremely fine. $ 80

A Superb Gold Aureus of Caracalla

623 Caracalla (AD 198-217), Gold Aureus, 7.20g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 199. ANTONINVS AVGVSTVS, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. SEVERI PII AVG FIL, Caracalla, in military dress, standing left, holding Victory in his right hand and a downward-pointing spear in his left; at his feet on left, a bound captive seated left (RIC 45; Calicó 2818; cf Leu 83, 6 May 2002, lot 791 (these dies); cf BMC 172 (denarius); C. 589; Hill 416). An exceptional example, well-struck in high relief and of delicate style, with an excellent portrait, attractive red toning, good extremely fine, a superb coin. *Very rare.* $ 30,000

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624 Caracalla (AD 198-217), Silver Denarius, 3.45g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 207. ANTONINVS PIVS AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. PONTIF TR P X COS II, Securitas seated right on a throne of two cornucopiae, propping her head on her right hand and holding a sceptre, an altar at her feet (RIC 92; C 434; RCV 6863). Pleasantly toned, extremely fine / good very fine. $ 80

625 Plautilla (wife of Caracalla), Silver Denarius, 2.99g, 12h. Mint of Laodicea, struck AD 202. PLAVTILLAE AVGVSTAE, bust facing right, draped. Rev. HILARITAS, Hilaritas standing half-left, holding a palm-branch and a cornucopiae (RIC 371; C 14; RCV 7071). Attractively toned, extremely fine / good very fine. $ 120

626 Macrinus (AD 217-218), Silver Denarius, 3.51g, 1h. Mint of Rome. IMP C M OPEL SEV MACRINVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate and cuirassed. Rev. FIDES MILITVM, Fides standing facing, head right, her right foot on a helmet, holding two standards (RIC 67; C 23; RCV 7335). Toned, extremely fine. $ 350

purchased from Antiquarius, New Zealand
ex Virgil Brand Collection

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627 Macrinus (AD 217-218), Æ As, 11.09g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 217. IMP CAES M OPEL SEV MACRINVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate and cuirassed. Rev. VOTA PVBL P M TR P / S C, Salus enthroned left, feeding a snake rising from an altar and holding a sceptre (RIC 131; BMC 99; C 151; RCV 7433). Brown patina, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

ex Numismatica Ars Classica, Auction N, 26 June 2003, lot 2105

628 Macrinus (AD 217-218), Silver Tetradrachm, 12.74g, 12h. Minted at Carrhae, Mesopotamia. Head facing right, radiate. Rev. Eagle standing facing, head turned right, its wings spread and a wreath in its beak, a star on left, a crescent between legs (Prieur 834; Bellinger 166). Some residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 200

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629 Diadumenian (AD 218), Silver Denarius, 3.68g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck as Caesar, AD 217-218. M OPEL ANT DIADVMENIAN CAES, bust facing right, draped. Rev. PRINC IVVENTVTIS, emperor standing facing, head right, holding a standard and a sceptre, two further standards on right (RIC 102; C 3; RCV 7449). Lightly toned, good very fine / very fine. $ 400

purchased from Antiquarius, New Zealand

630 Julia Maesa (grandmother of Elagabalus), Silver Denarius, 3.30g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 218-220. IVLIA MAESA AVG, bust facing right, draped. Rev. IVNO, Juno, veiled, standing left, holding a patera and a sceptre (RIC 254; BMC 67; C 16; RCV 7750). Attractive light tone, extremely fine. $ 150

631 Severus Alexander (AD 222-235), Silver Denarius, 2.68g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 226. IMP C M AVR SEV ALEXAND AVG, bust facing right, laureate and draped. Rev. P M TR P V COS II P P, Mars advancing right, a trophy across his shoulder and holding a spear (RIC 53c; C 281; RCV 7830 var). Extremely fine. $ 120

Pleasing Mint State Aureus of Severus Alexander

632 Severus Alexander (AD 222-235), Gold Aureus, 6.4g. Mint of Rome, AD 230. IMP SEV ALE-XAND AVG, laureate bust facing right, slight drapery on far shoulder. Rev. P M TR P VIIII COS III P P, Romulus advancing right, holding spear and trophy over shoulder (RIC 103; BMC 620; Calicó 3121). Boldly struck on a nice full flan, lustrous, mint state. $ 12,500

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633 Severus Alexander (AD 222-235), Silver Denarius, 3.73g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 232. IMP ALEXANDER PIVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. MARS VLTOR, Mars advancing right, holding a spear and a shield (RIC 246; C 161; RCV 7816 var). A few deposits, brightly cleaned, extremely fine. $ 150

634 Severus Alexander (AD 222-235), Æ Dupondius, 12.32g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 232. IMP ALEXANDER PIVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate and with light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. SPES PVBLICA, S-C, Spes advancing left, holding a flower and raising skirt (RIC 649; C 551; RCV 8056). Dark brown patina, very fine. $ 100

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635 Severus Alexander (AD 222-235), Æ As, 15.30g, 6h. Struck AD 232. IMP ALEXANDER PIVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. MARS VLTOR, S-C, Mars advancing right, holding a spear and a shield (RIC 637; C 170; RCV 8065). Dark brown tone, nearly extremely fine. $ 250

636 Severus Alexander (AD 222-235), Æ As, 13.97g, 1h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 233. IMP ALEXANDER PIVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, with light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. P M TR P XII COS III P P, S-C, Sol standing left, raising his right hand and holding a whip (RIC 537; cf C 443; RCV 8042 var). Attractive dark green patina, extremely fine. $ 200

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637 Severus Alexander (AD 222-235), Æ 24mm., 13.52g, 12h. Minted at Caesarea Maritima, Samaria. Bust facing right, laureate and draped. Rev. CIFA FC CAE METROPOLI, eagle, with open wings, standing right, head turned left, holding a wreath with SPQR (BMC 27, 118; SNG ANS 807). Green patina, good very fine. $ 180

638 Julia Mamaea (mother of Severus Alexander), Æ Sestertius, 15.96g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 224. IVLIA MAMAEA AVGVSTA, bust facing right, diademed and draped. Rev. VENVS FELIX, / S C, Venus enthroned left, holding a small statue and a sceptre (RIC 701; BMC 197; C 69; RCV 8233). Brown-green patina, good very fine. $ 200

Reportedly purchased from Knobloch, New York, 1956

639 Maximinus I (AD 235-238), Silver Denarius, 3.60g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 236. IMP MAXIMIANVS PIVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. P M TR P II COS P P, emperor standing right, in military dress, between two standards, holding a spear and raising his right hand (RIC 3; C 55; RCV 8312). Residual silvering, extremely fine. $ 100

640 Diva Paulina (wife of Maximinus I, d. c. AD 235), Silver Denarius, 2.5g. Mint of Rome, under Maximinus I, AD 236. DIVA PAVLINA, veiled and draped bust facing right. Rev. CONSECRATIO, peacock in full splendor standing facing, head left (RIC 1; BMC 135; RSC 1). A marvelous portrait of Paulina, lustre present and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,500

Paulina was the wife of the Thracian emperor, Maximinus I, and pre-deceased his elevation to the throne in AD 235. In 236 Maximinus elevated his young son, Maximus, to the rank of Caesar and had Paulina deified by the Roman Senate.

641 Gordian II (AD 238), Silver Denarius, 2.48g, 5h. Mint of Rome. IMP M ANT GORDIANVS AFR AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. PROVIDENTIA AVGG, Providentia standing left, her legs crossed, leaning against a column, holding a short sceptre over a globe and a cornucopiae (RIC 1; C 5; BMC 19; RCV 8465). Broad flan, toned, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,750

642 Balbinus (AD 238), Silver Denarius, 3.2g. Mint of Rome. IMP C D CAEL BALBINVS AVG, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. PROVIDENTIA DEORVM, Providentia standing facing, head left, holds wand over globe at feet to left and cornucopiae (RIC 7; BMC 3; RSC 23). Boldly struck on both sides on a wide flan, nicely toned, superb extremely fine. *A splendid example of this rare issue.* $ 1,000

ex Steinberg, NAC 1973 Sale, lot 320

After the death of the Gordiani, the Senate nominated two of their own, Balbinus and Pupienus, as joint emperors to oppose Maximinus I who was then quickly marching towards Italy at the head of his legions from the Balkans. Pupienus had risen through the ranks of the military before becoming a senator and was thus the natural choice to lead the defense in northern Italy, while Balbinus stayed behind in Rome to shore up support there. When Maximinus' troops arrived before Aquileia, lack of provisions caused them to mutiny. They murdered the emperor and his son and paraded their disembodied heads on lances which they carried to Rome.

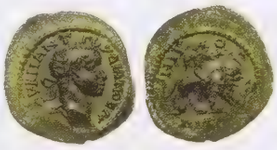
Although Maximinus was now out of the way, the city of Rome remained in a state of turmoil. The joint emperors, being wealthy patricians, were not well liked by the inhabitants who forced the Senate to nominate as Caesar the grandson and nephew of the Gordiani, Gordian III. Despite this attempt at appeasement, however, the people were in open revolt. Fire had been set to the city, causing much devastation and making many homeless. To make matters worse, the co-emperors were mutually suspicious of one another. In the ensuing disorder, the Praetorian Guard broke into the palace and murdered both emperors, elevating the young Gordian III as the new emperor.

643 Pupienus (AD 238), Silver Denarius, 3.33g, 12h. Mint of Rome. IMP C M CLOD PVPIENVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. P M TR P COS II P P, Felicitas standing left, holding a caduceus and a sceptre (RIC 6; BMC 52; C 26; RCV 8527). Good style, extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 550

644 Pupienus (AD 238), Silver Antoninianus, 4.4g. Mint of Rome. IMP CAES PVPIEN MAXIMVS AVG, radiate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. AMOR MVTVVS AVGG, clasped hands (RIC 9b; BMC 82; RSC 2). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 900

645 Pupienus (AD 238), Silver Antoninianus, 4.58g, 12h. Mint of Rome. IMP CAES PVPIEN MAXIMVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. AMOR MVTVVS AVGG, clasped right hands (RIC 9b; BMC 82; C 2; RCV 8518). Residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 800

646 Gordian III (AD 238-244), Æ Sestertius, 20.20g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 242-243. IMP GORDIANVS PIVS FEL AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. P M TR P V COS II P P / S C, Apollo seated left, holding a branch and resting his left elbow on a lyre (RIC 303a; C 262; RCV 8732). Dark green-brown patina, good very fine / very fine. $ 200



647 Gordian III (AD 238-244), Æ 18mm., 3.19g, 12h. Minted at Nikopolis ad Istrum, Moesia Inferior. Head facing right, laureate. Rev. Naked Eros riding on a lion right (Pick, AMNG, -; Varbanov 4123). Beautiful green patina, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 180

ex The New York Sale II, 2 December 1999, lot 145

648 Gordian III (AD 238-244), Æ 28mm., 11.48g, 12h. Minted at Nikopolis ad Istrum, Moesia Inferior. Bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. Nike standing left, holding a wreath and a palm (Pick, AMNG, -; cf Varbanov 4218 var). Dark green patina, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 100

purchased from Kirk Davis, California

Extremely Rare Denarius of Tranquillina

649 Tranquillina (wife of Gordian III), Silver Denarius, 3.0g. Mint of Rome, under Gordian III, AD 241-244. SABINIA TRANQVILLINA AVG, diademed and draped bust facing right. Rev. CONCORDIA AVGG, Concordia seated left, holding patera and double cornucopiae (RIC 252; RSC 1a). Virtually as struck and nicely toned, nearly mint state. *Extremely rare and probably the finest of very few specimens known.* $ 15,000

ex The Barry Feirstein Collection, NAC Auction, 16 May 2007, lot 153
earlier privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk

Tranquillina, the daughter of the Praetorian Prefect Timesitheus, married Gordian III in AD 241. The couple had no children, and while it is assumed that she survived her husband, her fate after his death is not known. All of Tranquillina's imperial coinage is, inexplicably, extremely rare.

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650 Philip I (AD 244-249), Silver Antoninianus, 3.60g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 245. IMP M IVL PHILIPPVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. LIBERALITAS AVGG II, Libertas standing left, holding an abacus and a cornucopiae (RIC 38b; C 87; RCV 8937). Broad flan, lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 80

651 Philip I (AD 244-249), Æ Sestertius, 29.17g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 245. IMP M IVL PHILIPPVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. FELICITAS TEMP, S-C, Felicitas standing left, holding a caduceus and a cornucopiae (RIC 169a; C 44; RCV 8992). Attractive dark green-brown patina, struck on a broad medallic flan, extremely fine. *Rare in this state of preservation.* $ 500

ex Coin Galleries, New York, Mail Bid Sale, 24 July 2001, lot 260

652 Philip I (AD 244-249), Silver Antoninianus, 4.03g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 246. IMP M IVL PHILIPPVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. P M TR P III COS P P, Felicitas standing left, holding a caduceus and a cornucopiae (RIC 3; C 124; RCV 8944). Lustrous, good extremely fine. $ 100

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653 Philip I (AD 244-249), Billon Tetradrachm, 8.13g, 1h. Mint of Seleucis & Pieria, Antioch, struck AD 244. Bust facing right, radiate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. eagle standing facing on a palm, its wings open, head left, a wreath held in its beak, SC in exergue (Prieur 318-9; McAlee 887). Small corrosion spot on obverse, otherwise good very fine. $ 80

ex Gordon Parry Collection, purchased from Imperial Coins & Antiquities, Visalia, California

654 Otacilia Severa (wife of Philip I), Æ Sestertius, 20.23g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 245-247. MARCIA OTACIL SEVERA AVG, bust facing right, diademed and draped. Rev. CONCORDIA AVGG / S C, Concordia seated left, holding a patera and a double cornucopiae (RIC 203a; C 10; RCV 9164). Dark green patina, very fine. $ 250

Very Desirable Gold Aureus of Trajan Decius

655 Trajan Decius (AD 249-251), Gold Aureus, 3.80g. Mint of Rome, AD 249/50. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG, laureate and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. ABVNDANTIA AVG, Abundantia standing right, emptying contents of cornucopiae (cf RIC 10; Calicó 3282b). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 12,500

One of the first Roman emperors to hail from Illyricum, Decius was an able administrator and senator who had held several high commands under his predecessors, including the consulship in AD 232. Under Philip I he was sent to quell the revolt of the usurper Pacatian, and after doing so allowed his troops to proclaim him emperor. This led to an engagement against Philip near Verona, where the latter was killed. The Senate in Rome subsequently recognized Decius's acclamation by his troops, and further bestowed upon him the name Traianus in reference to his predecessor of the same name, who was regarded as the best and greatest of all Roman emperors.

Decius's short reign was primarily concerned with fighting the Goths along Rome's Balkan frontier, as they had begun to cross the Danube in mass and raid the provinces of Moesia and Dacia. Otherwise Decius spent some effort in restoring public monuments, and revitalizing the Empire by restoring public morality. In this latter regard, he revived the office of censor, although with his short reign nothing really came of it, and he also required all citizens to sacrifice to the well being of the emperor and the Empire. This, of course, led to the first great persecutions of the Christians.

Both Decius and his son and co-ruler, Herennius Etruscus, were killed while valiantly fighting the Goths, and his general Trebonianus Gallus assumed the emperorship after their deaths.

656 Trajan Decius (AD 249-251), Silver Antoninianus, 4.47g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 250. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate and cuirassed. Rev. ADVENTVS AVG, emperor on horseback left, raising his right hand and holding a sceptre (RIC 11b; C 4; RCV 9353 var). A little softly-struck on reverse, otherwise extremely fine. $ 80

657 Trajan Decius (AD 249-251), Æ Sestertius, 12.89g, 1h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 250-251. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. DACIA, S-C, Dacia standing left, holding a staff surmounted by an ass's head (RIC 112b; C 18; RCV 9399 var). Brown patina, very fine. $ 250

ex Gorny & Mosch, Auction 118, 14 October 2002, lot 2343

658 Trajan Decius (AD 249-251), Billon Tetradrachm, 11.69g, 6h. Mint of Antioch, Seleucis & Pieria. Bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed, four pellets below. Rev. ΔΗΜΑΡΧ ΕΞΟΥCIAC / SC, eagle standing facing on a palm, head right, wings spread, holding a wreath in its beak (Prieur 583; McAlee 1125d). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 100

ex Gordon Parry Collection
ex Numsmatica Ars Classica, Auction B, 25 February 1992, lot 2195

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659 Herennia Etruscilla (wife of Trajan Decius), Silver Antoninianus, 3.96g, 8h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 250-251. HER ETRVSCILLA AVG, bust facing right, diademed and draped, on a crescent. Rev. PVDICITIA AVG, Pudicitia standing left, raising her veil and holding a sceptre (RIC 58b; C 17; RCV 9494). A little softly struck on reverse, lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 60

660 Herennius Etruscus (AD 251), Silver Antoninianus, 4.36g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 250-251. Q HER ETR MES DECIVS NOB C, bust facing right, radiate and draped. Rev. SPES PVBLICA, Spes advancing left, holding a flower and raising her skirt (RIC 149; C 38; RCV 9526). A little softly-struck on reverse, otherwise extremely fine. $ 100

Exceedingly Rare Silver Antoninianus of Cornelia Supera

661 Cornelia Supera (wife of Aemilian), Silver Antoninianus, 3.7g. Mint of Rome, under Aemilian, AD 253. C CORNEL SVPERA AVG, diademed and draped bust facing right, set on a crescent. Rev. VESTA, Vesta standing facing, head left, holding patera and sceptre (RIC 30; RSC 5). Extremely fine, well struck and nicely toned. *Exceedingly rare.* $ 17,000

ex Kunker Auction 243, lot 5103

Other than the fact that she was the wife of the short-reigned emperor Aemilian and that she was of the Cornelia gens, nothing is known about the empress Cornelia Supera.

662 Diva Mariniana (wife of Valerian), Billon Antoninianus, 2.70g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 253-254. DIVAE MARINIANAE, bust facing right, veiled and draped, on a crescent. Rev. CONSECRATIO, Mariniana seated upon a peacock flying right, raising her right hand and holding a sceptre (RIC 6; C 16; RCV 10070). A little softly struck on reverse, otherwise nearly extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 200

ex McHugh Collection

663 Postumus (AD 260-269), Æ Double Sestertius, 25.62g, 6h. Uncertain mint (Treveri?), struck AD 260-261. IMP C M CASS LAT POSTVMVS P F AVG, bust facing right, radiate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. FIDES MILITVM, Fides standing facing, head left, holding two standards (RIC 123; C 74; P. Bastien, Le monnayage de bronze de Postume (1967), 76; RCV 11040). Some soft striking towards edge, dark brown patina, about very fine. *Rare.* $ 300

ex Noble Numismatics, Sale 95, 23-26 November 2010, lot 5678

664 Postumus (AD 260-269), Æ Double Sestertius, 20.09g, 10h. Uncertain mint (Treveri?), struck AD 268. IMP C M CASS LAT POSTVMVS P F AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. LAETITIA / AVG, galley left, with four oarsmen (RIC 143; P. Bastien, Le monnayage de bronze de Postume (1967), 160 (this obverse die); RCV 11049). Dark green patina, good very fine / very fine. $ 450

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665 Aurelian (AD 270-275), Æ Antoninianus, 3.87g, 7h. Mint of Antioch. IMP AVRELIANVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate and cuirassed. Rev. CONCORDIA MILITVM, emperor standing right, clasping hands with Concordia, standing left, star and T in exergue (RIC 216). Struck on a broad flan, with residual silvering, extremely fine. $ 80

666 Aurelian (AD 270-275), Æ Antoninianus, 4.22g, 12h. Mint of Antioch. IMP C AVRELIANVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate and cuirassed. Rev. RESTIVTVT OR-BIS, female figure standing right, presenting a wreath to the emperor, standing left, holding a sceptre, S between them, XXI in exergue (RIC 386; C 194). With much silvering, about extremely fine. $ 50

667 Severina (wife of Aurelian), Æ As, 7.06g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 274-275. SEVERINA AVG, bust facing right, diademed and draped. Rev. IVNO REGINA, Juno standing left, holding a patera and a sceptre, a peacock stands at her feet on left, S in exergue (RIC 7; C 9; RCV 11711). Attractive dark green patina, about extremely fine. $ 150

668 Severina (wife of Aurelian), Æ Antoninianus, 3.42g,6h. Mint of Siscia, struck AD 275. SEVERINAE AVG, bust facing right, diademed and draped, on crescent. Rev. CONCORDIA MILITVM, Concordia standing left, holding two standards, Q on right, XXI (RIC 13; C 8). Dark patina, extremely fine. $ 60

A Beautiful Gold Aureus of Tacitus

669 Tacitus (AD 275-276), Gold Aureus, 4.85g, 12h. Mint of Siscia. IMP C M CL TACITVS P AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. ROMAE AETERNAE, Roma seated left, holding Victory and a sceptre, a shield at her side (RIC 174; Calicó 4088; C 112). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 30,000

670 Tacitus (AD 275-276), Gold Aureus, 4.26g, 12h. Mint of Antioch. IMP C M CL TACITVS AVG, bust facing right, laureate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. ROMAE AET-ERNAE, Roma seated left on a shield, holding Victory on a globe and a sceptre, S C in exergue (RIC 209; Calicó 4096; C 116). Mount mark at 12 o'clock skillfully removed, otherwise lustrous and extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 10,000

671 Tacitus (AD 275-276), Æ Antoninianus, 3.87g, 12h. Minted in Gaul. IMP C CL TACTIVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. VIRTVS AVG, soldier standing left, holding a spear and leaning on a shield (RIC 69; C 172). Dark brown patina, extremely fine. $ 100

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672 Probus (AD 276-282), Billon Antoninianus, 3.13g, 12h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck AD 276. IMP C M AVR PROBVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate and cuirassed. Rev. SECVRITAS ORBIS, Securitas standing facing, head turned left, holding a sceptre and leaning on a column, I in exergue (RIC 49; C 624; RCV 12034). Fully silvered, with residual lustre, good extremely fine. $ 150

673 Probus (AD 276-282), Billon Antoninianus, 4.24g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 280-281. IMP PROBVS P F AVG, bust facing right, radiate and cuirassed. Rev. IOVI CONS PROB AVG, Jupiter standing left, holding a thunderbolt and sceptre, a thunderbolt between R-B in exergue (RIC 173; C 306; RCV 11986 (this coin)). Red-brown patina, with residual silvering, a small nick at reverse edge at 8 o'clock otherwise extremely fine. $ 120

This coin is illustrated in David Sear's '*Roman Coins and their Values*', Vol III (London, 2005), p.474, 11986.
ex Freeman & Sear Mail Bid Sale 7, 22 February 2002, lot 560

674 Diocletian (AD 284-305), Silver Argenteus, 3.31g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 294. DIOCLETIANVS AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VIRTVS MILITVM, the four Tetrarchs sacrificing before a camp-gate (RIC 27a). Residual lustre, good extremely fine. $ 900

675 Diocletian (AD 284-305), Silver Argenteus, 3.34g, 6h. Mint of Ticinum, struck AD 294. DIOCLETI-ANVS AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VICTORIA SARMAT, the Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod in front of a camp-gate with six turrets (RIC 12a; Jelocnik 25). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 750

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676 Diocletian (AD 284-305), Æ Antoninianus, 3.80g, 12h. Mint of Cyzicus, struck AD 290. IMP C C VAL DIOCLETIANVS AVG, bust facing right, radiate, draped and cuirassed. Rev. CONCORDIA MILITVM, Jupiter standing left, holding a sceptre and presenting Victory to Diocletain, standing right, Γ below, XXI in exergue (RIC 306; C 33). Traces of residual silvering, dark brown patina, extremely fine. $ 80

677 Maximian (AD 286-305), Æ Antoninianus, 3.81g, 6h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck AD 289. IMP C MAXIMIANVS P F AVG, bust facing right, radiate, helmeted and cuirassed. Rev. VIRTVTI AVGG, Hercules standing right, grappling with a lion, a club thrown down behind him (RIC 454). A little verdigris, much silvering, extremely fine. $ 100

678 Maximian (AD 286-305), Silver Argenteus, 3.39g, 12h. Mint of Treveri, struck AD 298-299. MAXIMI-ANVS AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VIRTVS MILITVM, the Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod in front of a camp-gate with six turrets, a club in exergue (RIC 116b). Toned, almost extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 750

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679 Maximian (AD 286-305), Æ Follis, 8.38g, 12h. Mint of Ticinum, struck AD 298-299. IMP C MAXIMIANVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. GENIO POPVLI ROMANI, Genius standing left, holding a patera and a cornucopiae, a star on left, S T • in exergue (RIC 33b; C 179). Attractive residual silvering, extremely fine. $ 350

680 Maximian (AD 286-305), Æ Follis, 10.65g, 6h. Mint of Cyzicus, struck AD 297-299. IMP C M A MAXIMIANVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. GENIO POPVLI ROMANI, Genius standing left, holding a patera and a cornucopiae, K E in exergue (RIC 12b). Dark green patina, about extremely fine. $ 60

681 Constantius I (Caesar, AD 293-305), Silver Argenteus, 2.79g, 6h. Mint of Siscia, struck AD 294-295. CONSTANTI-VS CAESAR, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VICTORIA SARMAT, the Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod in front of a camp-gate with eight turrets (RIC 35a; Jelocnik 10a). Attractively toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 950

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682 Constantius I (AD 305-306), Æ Follis, 9.32g, 6h. Mint of Siscia, struck as Caesar, AD 295. CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES, head facing right, laureate. Rev. GENIO POPVLI ROMANI, Genius standing left, holding a patera and a cornucopiae, B on right, star and SIS in exergue (RIC 90a). Much silvering, extremely fine. $ 80

683 Galerius (Caesar, AD 293-305), Silver Argenteus, 3.95g, 6h. Mint of Treveri, struck AD 295-297. MAXIMIANVS NOB C, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VIRTVS MILITVM / C, the Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod in front of a camp-gate with six turrets (RIC 110b). Toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 850

684 Galerius (AD 305-311), Æ Follis, 6.03g, 6h. Mint of Cyzicus, struck AD 308-309. GAL MAXIMINVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. GENIO AVGVSTI, Genius standing left, holding a patera with liquor flowing and a cornucopiae, B on left, MKV in exergue (RIC 42). Dark brown patina, extremely fine. $ 100

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685 Galerius (AD 305-311), Æ Follis, 8.34g, 12h. Mint of Thessalonica, struck c. AD 310-311. GAL MAXIMIANVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. GENIO AVGVSTI, Genius standing left, holding a patera and a cornucopiae, a star on left, Γ on right, •SM•TS• in exergue (RIC 40a). Dark brown patina, about extremely fine. $ 80

686 Galeria Valeria (wife of Galerius), Æ Follis, 6.36g, 12h. Mint of Siscia, struck c. AD 309-310. GAL VALERIA AVG, bust facing with head right, draped, on a crescent. Rev. VENERI VICTRICI, Venus standing facing, head left, holding up an apple and raising drapery, a crescent on left, B on right, SIS in exergue (RIC 204). Dark green-brown patina, extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 120

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687 Maxentius (AD 306-312), Æ Follis, 7.32g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 307-309. IMP C MAXENTIVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. CONSERV VRB SVAE, tetrastyle temple with a wreath in pediment, within which sits Roma, head left, holding a globe and a sceptre, a shield at her side, RBT in exergue (RIC 210). Dark brown patina, extremely fine. $ 80

688 Maxentius (AD 306-312), Æ Follis, 5.69g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 308-310. IMP C MAXENTIVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. CONSERV VRB SVAE, hexastyle temple, within which sits Roma facing, head left, holding a globe and a sceptre, RBT in exergue (RIC 210). Light residual silvering, good very fine. $ 60

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689 Maxentius (AD 306-312), Æ Follis, 5.61g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck c. AD 308-310. IMP C MAXENTIVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. CONSERV VRB SVAE, hexastyle temple, within which sits Roma, head left, holding a globe and a sceptre, RBS in exergue (RIC 210). Dark brown patina, good very fine. $ 60

690 Helena (mother of Constantine I), Æ Follis, 3.30g, 6h. Mint of Arelate, struck AD 328. FL HELENA AVGVSTA, bust facing right, diademed and mantled. Rev. SECVRITAS REIPVBLICE, Securitas standing left, lowering a branch and raising her robe, S-F in field, TCONST in exergue (RIC 324; C 12). Dark brown-green patina, broad flan, good portrait, extremely fine. $ 100

691 Licinius I (AD 308-324), Æ Follis, 6.01g, 6h. Mint of Nicomedia, struck c. AD 311. IMP C VAL LICIN LICINIVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VIRTVTI E-XERCITVS, Virtus, in military dress, advancing right, holding a spear and a shield, a trophy over shoulder, B on right, SMNΓ in exergue (RIC 70a var). Residual silvering, good extremely fine. $ 100

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692 Licinius I (AD 308-324), Æ Follis, 3.03g, 12h. Mint of Heraclea, struck AD 313-314. IMP C VAL LICIN LICINIVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. IOVI CONSER-VATORI AVGG, Jupiter standing left, holding Victory on a globe and a sceptre, an eagle at his feet on left, N over Γ on right, SMHT in exergue (RIC 6). Light crack in flan, residual slivering, extremely fine. $ 80

693 Licinius I (AD 308-324), Æ Follis, 4.37g, 12h. Mint of Nicomedia, struck c. AD 313-317. IMP C VAL LICIN LICINIVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. IOVI CONS-ERVATORI, Jupiter standing left, holding Victory on a globe and a sceptre, an eagle at his feet on left, N over Δ on right, SMN in exergue (RIC 15). Residual silvering, good extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 100

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694 Maximinus II (AD 309-313), Æ Follis, 6.69g, 6h. Mint of Heraclea, struck as Caesar, c. AD 308-309. GAL VAL MAXIMINVS NOB CAES, head facing right, laureate. Rev. GENIO CAESARIS, Genius standing left, holding a patera and a cornucopiae, •HTΔ• in exergue (RIC 36). Dark brown patina, extremely fine. $ 60

695 Maximinus II (AD 309-313), Æ Follis, 7.23g, 12h. Mint of Cyzicus, struck as Caesar, AD 308-309. GAL VAL MAXIMINVS NOB C, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VIRTVTI EXERCITVS, Mars advancing right, with floating chlamys, holding a trophy over his shoulder, and a spear, Δ on left, MKV in exergue (RIC 49). Dark green patina, extremely fine. $ 60

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696 Maximinus II (AD 309-313), Æ Follis, 4.94g, 11h. Mint of Nicomedia, struck c. AD 312. IMP C GAL VAL MAXIMINVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. SOLI IN-VICTO, Sol standing left, right hand raised and holding head of Serapis, a star above E on left, SMN in exergue (RIC 77b). Residual silvering, good extremely fine. $ 100

697 Maximinus II (AD 309-313), Æ Follis, 6.07g, 11h. Mint of Antioch, struck AD 312. IMP C GAL VAL MAXIMINVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. GENIO AVGVSTI, Genius standing left, holding the head of Sol and a cornucopiae, a star on left, A on right, ANT in exergue (RIC 164b). Residual silvering, good extremely fine. $ 100

698 Maximinus II (AD 309-313), Æ Follis, 4.90g, 6h. Mint of Antioch, struck AD 312. IMP C GAL VAL MAXIMINVS P F AVG, head facing right, laureate. Rev. VIRTVTI EXERCITVS, Virtus advancing right, dragging a captive, a trophy over his shoulder, a star on left, S on right, ANT in exergue (RIC 169b var). Residual silvering, good extremely fine. $ 100

Beautiful Full Facing Portrait Aureus of Licinius II

699 Licinius II (Caesar, AD 317-324), Gold Aureus, 5.3g. Mint of Nicomedia, AD 321/2. D N VAL LICIN LININIVS NOB C, bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust facing. Rev. IOVI CONSER-VATORI CAES, Jupiter seated facing on throne set on platform, holding Victory on globe and sceptre, platform inscribed SIC V/SIC X in two lines, eagle standing left at feet to left, head right, holding wreath in beak, SMNΔ (RIC 42; Depeyrot 31/2; Calicó 5150 (this coin)). Boldly struck with full legends on both sides on a full flan with margins, a few faint hairlines on the obverse, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 40,000

This remarkable facing head Aureus commemorates the fifth anniversary of the young Caesar Licinius II as well as the tenth anniversary of his father, Licinius I. Although early, the facing portrait here established the precedent for what would become a standard type of late Roman/Byzantine numismatic imperial iconography: the facing portrait coins of the Licinii are extremely rare, those of Constantius II who revived the type are much more common, and with the joint reigns of Arcadius and Honorius it becomes the norm, lasting in various forms through the entirety of Byzantine coinage.

700 Constantius II (AD 337-361), Gold Solidus, 4.39g. Mint of Constantinople, AD 347-355. FL IVL CONSTANTIVS PERP AVG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. GLORIA REI-PVBLICAE, Roma seated facing and Constantinopolis seated slightly left, resting foot on prow, each holding sceptre and supporting between them shield inscribed VOT/XX/MVLT/XXX in four lines; SMANZ (RIC 83; Depeyrot 6/3). In NGC holder graded choice about uncirculated, strike 5/5, surface 4/5. $ 1,500

701 Valentinian II (AD 375-392), Silver Siliqua, 2.04g, 6h. Mint of Treveri, struck AD 375-378. D N VALENTINIANVS IVN P F AVG, bust facing right, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed. Rev. VRBS ROMA, Roma seated left, holding a sceptre and Victory, TRPS in exergue (RIC 46c; C 76). Attractive iridescent cabinet tone, about extremely fine. $ 150

702 Arcadius (AD 383-408), Gold Solidus, 4.4g. Mint of Rome, AD 404-416. D N ARCADI-VS P F AVG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGGG, emperor standing right, spurning captive with foot, holding labarum and Victory on globe, R-M// COMOB (RIC 1253 (r4); Depeyrot 34/1). Lovely rose tone and lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 2,500

703 Theodosius II (AD 402-450), Gold Solidus, 4.42g. Mint of Thessalonica, c.408-425. D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield decorated with horseman spearing an enemy below. Rev. CONCORDI-A AVGGG, Constantinopolis seated facing, head right, foot resting on prow, holding sceptre and Victory on globe, star in left field, TES.OB (cf RIC 355 (TESOB, not TES.OB); cf Depeyrot 48/2 (same)). In NGC holder graded about uncirculated, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, edge marks. *An extremely rare type with just three examples of all mintmark varieties known to Depeyrot.* $ 1,500

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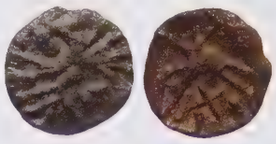
704 Taman Goths (c.3rd to 4th Century AD), Silver Denarius, 2.52g. Abstract male head, radiate, facing right. Rev. Degraded depiction of Mars, carrying a transverse trophy, double X and O in field (cf Kazamanova *Vestnik Drevneel Istorii I* (1961), Group I; Faltin "*Taman Imitations – Coins of the Unknown People*" Celator 20, 7 (July 2006), pp.22-26; also The New York Sale XXVIII, lot 1090). Debased metal, extremely fine, a choice example. *Very rare* $ 1,000



705 Taman Goths (c.4th Century AD), Æ Denarius, 1.63g. Abstract male head, radiate, facing right. Rev. much degraded depiction of Mars, carrying a transverse trophy, double X and O in field (Kazamanova type III). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 250

Based on Roman coins of Mars advancing type, these very rare imitative Denarii were struck on the Taman peninsula of the Black Sea (east of Crimea). They are generally considered to be the first Gothic coinage.

706 Constans II (AD 641-668), Silver Hexagram, 6.7g. Mint of Constantinople, AD 642-647. d N CONSτAN-τINUS P P A, crowned, draped and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. dEUS AdIUτA RomANIS, cross potent on globe set on three steps (DOC 48; MIB 142; SB 989). Some scattered light scratches on the reverse, extremely fine. $ 900

707 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695), Gold Solidus, 4.36g, 5h. Mint of Constantinople. IUSTINIA-NUS PEAV, bust facing, with slight beard, wearing a crown ornamented with a cross, and a chlamys, holding a globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGU Θ, cross potent on three steps, CONOB in exergue (MIB 4; S 1245). About extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

708 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695), Gold Solidus, 4.41g, 7h. Mint of Constantinople, struck AD 692-695. IhS CRISTOS REX REGNANTIUM, bust of Christ facing, with cross behind head, raising hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels. Rev. D IUSTINI – AN – US SERV CHRISTIS, Justinian standing facing, holding cross potent on two steps and akakia, CONO-P in exergue (DO 7e; MIBV 8a; S 1248). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 8,000

709 Leontius (AD 695-698), Gold Solidus, 4.4g. Mint of Constantinople. D LEO-N P(?) AV, crowned bust facing, holding akakia and globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGU, cross potent set on three steps; A//CONOB (DOC 1a; MIB 1; SB 1330). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 1,750

710 Leontius (AD 695-698), Gold Tremissis, 1.42g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. D LEO-N PEAV, bearded bust facing, wearing a crown and loros, holding a globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGUS, cross potent, CONOB in exergue (MIB 5; S 1333). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

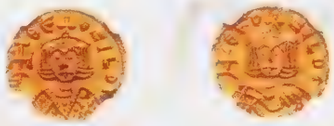
711 Tiberius III (Apsimar) (AD 698-705), Gold Solidus, 4.4g. Mint of Constantinople. D τIbERI-US PE AV, crowned and cuirassed bust facing, holding spear and shield. Rev. VICTORIA AVGU, cross potent set on three steps; I//CONOB (DOC 1i; MIB 1; SB 1360). Lustrous, mint state. $ 2,000

712 Tiberius III (Apsimar) (AD 698-705), Gold Solidus, 4.40g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. D TIbERI – US PE, bust facing, wearing crown and cuirass, and holding spear across his body and a shield. Rev. VICTORIA AVGU S, cross potent on three steps, CONOB in exergue (DO 1; MIB 1; S 1360). Lustrous, good extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 2,500

713 Tiberius III (Apsimar) (AD 698-705), Gold Solidus, 4.34g. Mint of Constantinople. D τIbERI-US PE AV, crowned and cuirassed bust facing, holding spear and shield. Rev. VICTORIA AVGU, cross potent set on three steps; Z//CONOB (DOC 1f; MIB 1; SB 1360). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 1,200

714 Leo IV, the Khazar (AD 775-780), Gold Solidus, 4.4g. Mint of Constantinople, c. AD 776-778. LEonVS SEϛϛOn ConSτAnτInOS O nEOS, crowned busts of Leo III and Constantine V facing, each wearing loros, small cross pattée above, pellet between. Rev. LEon PAP'ConSτANτInOS PAτHR Θ, crowned busts of Leo IV and Constantine VI facing, each wearing chlamys, small cross pattée above, pellet between (DOC 1a; Füeg 1.1; SB 1583). All portraits well defined, extremely fine. $ 2,500

715 Irene (AD 797-802), Gold Solidus, 4.46g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. EIRIhH – bAS[ILISSH], bust of Irene facing, wearing crown and loros, and holding a globus cruciger and a cruciform sceptre. Rev. •EIRIhH – bASILISSH Θ, bust of Irene facing, wearing crown and loros, and holding a globus cruciger and a cruciform sceptre (DO 1a.1; S 1599). Slightly wavy flan and some weakness in legends, otherwise lustrous and extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 15,000



716 Theophilus (AD 829-842), Gold Solidus, 3.87g. Mint of Syracuse, AD 831-842. ΘE-OFILOS, crowned bust of Theophilus facing, wearing loros, holding cross potent. Rev. ΘEOFILOS, crowned bust of Theophilus facing, wearing chlamys, holding globus cruciger (DOC 24; Anastasi 530; SB 1670). In NGC holder graded mint state*, strike 5/5, surface 5/5. $ 1,000

717 Constantine VII and Romanus II (AD 945-959), Gold Solidus, 4.41g. Mint of Constantinople, c. AD 947-950. + IhS XPS REX REGNANTium +, bust of Christ Pantokrator facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels. Rev. ConSτAnτCE RomAn'AUGG bA' crowned busts of Constantine VII, wearing loros, and Romanus II, wearing chlamys, facing, holding patriarchal cross between them (DOC 15; Füeg 15.B.2; SB 1751). In NGC holder graded choice extremely fine, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, edge marks. $ 800

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8.2. Except as provided in **6.3**, any claims for adjustment other than authenticity must be made in writing within seven (7) days after delivery of the goods. No Lots may be returned without our written permission. It is the Buyer's responsibility to have the Lots fully insured while in his possession. Our maximum liability under these Conditions is the amount of the Purchase Price paid by you.

8.3. Neither we nor any of our agents or sub-contractors shall be liable, whether in tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), contract, misrepresentation or otherwise:

(a) for loss of profits or business, depletion of goodwill and/or similar losses; loss of contracts; or

(b) any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, exemplary or pure economic loss, costs, damages, charges or expenses.

8.4. We shall not be liable to you or be deemed to be in breach of these Conditions by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of our obligations in the Conditions, if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond our reasonable control.

8.5. Nothing in these Conditions excludes or limits our liability for any matter which it would be illegal for us to exclude or attempt to exclude under New York law or for our fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

9. DATA PROTECTION

9.1. By agreeing to these Conditions, a Bidder acknowledges and agrees that we will use personal information of a Bidder for the purpose of the Auction and ancillary matters, including providing a Buyer's personal details to any other person where necessary to enforce our rights under these Conditions.

10. GENERAL

10.1. These Conditions and the Seller's Conditions constitute the entire agreement between us and supersede all other agreements, understandings, warranties and representations concerning the subject matter hereof. All other terms, warranties and representations, express or implied by statute or otherwise are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law. No variation to these Conditions shall be legally binding unless agreed in writing by us.

10.2. All rights and benefits granted to a Bidder under these Conditions are personal to him and may not be assigned or in any other way transferred to any other person. Any such assignment or transfer will be invalid and unenforceable against us.

10.3. A notice required or permitted to be given by either of us to the other under these Conditions shall, in the case of a Bidder, be to the last address notified to us and in the case of Auctioneer, shall be to the registered office of Auctioneer.

10.4. No failure or delay by us in exercising any of our rights under these Conditions shall be deemed to be a waiver of that right, and no waiver by us of any breach of these Conditions by you shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

10.5. We may perform our obligations and exercise our respective rights through any of our group companies or assign our rights under these Conditions.

10.6. If any provision of these Conditions is held by any court or other competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, the validity of the other provisions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected.

10.7. These Conditions, as well as the Buyer's and our respective rights and obligations hereunder, shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. By bidding at the Auction, whether in person, by agent, Commission Bid, telephone or other means, the Buyer shall be deemed to have consented to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts of, and the federal courts sitting in, the State of New York.

11. INTERPRETATION

11.1. In these Conditions:

'**Auction Agent**', '**Auctioneer**', '**us**' or '**we**' means A. H. Baldwin & Sons Ltd., Dmitry Markov Coins & Medals, M&M Numismatics Ltd., and Ira & Larry Goldberg Coins & Collectibles Inc.;

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'**Conditions**' means these conditions of sale and any other additional terms notified to Bidders in writing in a Catalog or otherwise (which includes notices displayed at the Auction) or as agreed in writing between Auction Agent and the Bidder;

'**Hammer Price**' means the amount of the highest bid for a Lot accepted by the auctioneer;

'**Including**' or '**include**' mean including without limitation and include without limitation, respectively;

'**Lot**' means any item deposited with us for sale at auction including items described against any Lot number in a Catalog;

'**Purchase Price**' means the Hammer Price plus Buyer's Premium and New York sales tax, where applicable;

'**Reserve**' means a confidential price below which the Auctioneer will not sell a Lot or will re-purchase on behalf of the Seller or for the account of Auctioneer. Unless otherwise specified at the time of Lot consignment, this will be set at approximately 80% of the Lot estimate at complete discretion of the auctioneer;

'**Seller's Conditions**' means the terms and conditions of sale between Auction Agent and a Seller for the sale of a Lot as displayed in the Auction room, on our website or available from Auction Agent.

11.2. Headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

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